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Shared Spaces: Legislative Update

Land Use and Transportation Committee

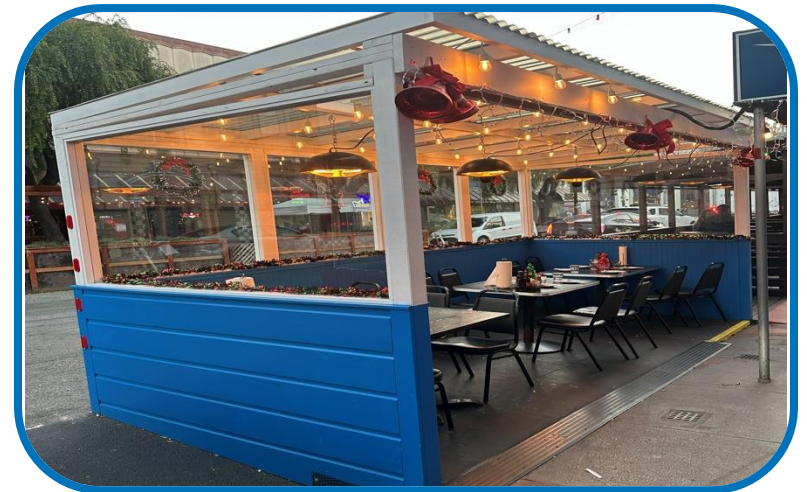
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Shared Spaces Legislation History

- BOS adopted Shared Spaces ordinance July 2021
- 2022/23 BOS amendments focused on the pandemic to permanent program transition
- 2026 amendments focus on code clean up that better align with and make improvements to permanent program operations

Main Themes

- As the program has evolved, so should the code
- To reflect stabilized operating procedures, these updates assist to:
 - ✓ Simplify permitting
 - ✓ Address common operator issues and complaints



Shared Spaces Code Updates

1. Department consolidation

- Remove SF Planning Department, who provided coordination during the pandemic but no longer staffs the program

2. Application streamlining

- Removes submitting outreach documentation and completing a 10-day public posting period, as they are an administrative burden and cause delays

Shared Spaces Code Updates

3. Modernizing operational requirements

- Removes alternative public seating requirement for fixed and movable parklets as businesses find them challenging to design and enforce
- Adds requirement that parklet remain open during business's operating hours and not be used for storage to ensure it's contributing to neighborhood activation as intended



Questions?

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