

**Committee Assignments - C4 X****MIAMI BEACH****COMMISSION MEMORANDUM**

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission  
 FROM: Commissioner Steven Meiner  
 DATE: October 14, 2020

SUBJECT: REFERRAL TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS METHODS TO PROMOTE SEC. 82-384 OF THE CITY CODE ALLOWING, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, A SIDEWALK CAFÉ TO EXPAND 50 FEET IN BOTH DIRECTIONS FROM RESTAURANT FRONTAGE.

**ANALYSIS**

Pursuant to Sec. 82-384 of the City Code (permitted sidewalk café frontage; requests for expansions), a sidewalk café can expand up to 50 feet in both directions from restaurant frontage. For example, if a restaurant is next to a bank, afterhours the restaurant could expand into the sidewalk area in front of the bank up to 50 feet.

Inactivated properties create an opportunity for crime and loitering during nighttime hours. To mitigate this and allow nighttime establishments to extend their outdoor seating to traditionally daytime properties such as banks, the City should promote its Code allowing restaurants and cafes to open additional outdoor seating.

Please feel free to contact Amadeus Huff for additional information.

**Applicable Area**

Citywide

**Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-14?**

No

**Does this item utilize G.O. Bond Funds?**

No

**Legislative Tracking**

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