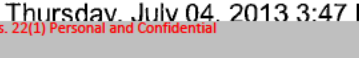


Ludwig, Nicole

From: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Sent: Thursday, July 04, 2013 3:47 PM
To: 
Subject: FW: Zoning & Development By-law to Accommodate Lounges as an Accessory Use to Breweries and Distilleries
Attachments: Brewery Bylaw changes 2013.pdf

Thank you for your comments.

All public comments submitted for the public hearing that are received not more than 15 minutes after the close of the speakers list for that public hearing will be distributed to members of Council for their consideration. The public comments must include the name of the writer.


In addition, these public comments will also be posted on the City's website (http://vancouver.ca/ctyclerk/councilmeetings/meeting_schedule.cfm).

Please note that your contact information will be removed from the comments, with the exception of the writer's name. Comments received after the start of the public hearing should not exceed 1500 words.

Public comments submitted for the public hearing that are received more than 15 minutes after the close of the speakers list, will not be distributed until after Council has made a decision regarding the public hearing application and the related bylaw is enacted, if applicable.

For more information regarding Public Hearings, please visit vancouver.ca/publichearings.

Thank you.

From: Hastings North BIA 
Sent: Thursday, July 04, 2013 3:17 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Subject: Zoning & Development By-law to Accommodate Lounges as an Accessory Use to Breweries and Distilleries

Mayor and Council,

I have attached a letter from the Board of Directors of the Hastings North Business Improvement District in support of the proposed changes to Light Industrial Zoning to enable Craft Breweries and Distilleries to sell their product for consumption within their premises under restrictions outlined in the proposed changes.

Patricia Barnes, Executive Director
Hastings North BIA


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Hastings North Business Improvement Association

July 4, 2013

Mayor and Council,

I am writing on behalf of the Hastings North Business Improvement Association to state the Board's support for the proposed changes (quoted below) to industrial zoning to allow Craft Breweries and Distilleries to sell beer or liquor for consumption within their premises.

"This report proposes amendments to the Zoning and Development By-Law to permit a lounge use accessory to a brewing or distilling use to a maximum size of 80 m² and to be wholly contained within the principal building... The recommendations in this report support local breweries, wineries and distilleries by enabling a more lucrative means of showcasing their product. Furthermore, the proposed accessory designation and size limitation for brewery/distillery lounges will protect the integrity and viability of the City's industrial land base by ensuring the principal manufacturing use remains the primary focus of the site."

We attended an information session held by staff on May 30, 2013 and are in agreement with the changes as proposed at that meeting. We are pleased that the City is making the changes to the bylaws while ensuring that the primary use within the Light Industrial Areas remain manufacturing. We believe that the restrictions contained in the changes are reasonable given the nature of the surrounding businesses and the primary function of a Light Industrial Area. We believe that the public acknowledgment of the importance of these industrial lands is vital and that any changes to bylaws must respect the long term businesses that have been successfully operating in the area for many, many years. As well as supporting the influx of new industrial businesses into the area bringing vital jobs and goods to Vancouver.

We feel that the recognition by the proposed changes that the primary business of the craft breweries and distilleries will remain brewing will enable the breweries and distilleries to take advantage of the provincial changes while not having a detrimental impact on other industrial businesses in the areas. We believe it is important that City Council and Staff continue to emphasize the importance of the Light Industrial Lands within Vancouver and to publically state that the primary use of these lands is industrial.

Yours sincerely,

HASTINGS NORTH BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Patricia Barnes Executive Director

