



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B**

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**RE: Requesting Improvements for DDOT's Streatery Program**

Dear Director Kershbaum, Councilmember Allen, and Councilmember Pinto,

At its regular meeting on November 12, 2025, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With 7 of 9 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (6-1-0):

**WHEREAS**, the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) adopted permanent Streatery Program guidelines on December 5, 2024, with a view to “strengthen the safety, accessibility, and aesthetics of outdoor dining in public space”;<sup>1</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, Councilmember Charles Allen convened a roundtable on November 6, 2025, to discuss community concerns about the Streatery Program, with consistent feedback from restaurants that the cumulative guideline changes are untenable; and

**WHEREAS**, the public space rental fee included in the permanent guidelines will render streateries financially infeasible both for restaurants with existing streateries and for those who want to join the program, and streateries are a desirable activation of public space compared with; and

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<sup>1</sup> <https://app.box.com/s/a8t90eowqqdigut4tdcm4kcg9zv7x7xcu>

**WHEREAS**, numerous restaurants have made significant investments to bring their streateries into compliance with the temporary Streatory Program regulations, and would be forced to do so again under the new guidelines, in some cases necessitating complete reconstructions, at substantial cost; and

**WHEREAS**, some streateries do need safety modification to eliminate physical and visual barriers to travel lanes and sight lines; therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Commission finds that the outcomes of the new guidelines will not achieve the stated intentions of the Streatory Program; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Commission recommends DDOT develop a simplified streatory application process; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Commission recommends DDOT lower the public space rental fee from \$20/sqft to \$5/sqft; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Commission recommends DDOT eliminate setback requirements from publicly-owned infrastructure, other than those from travel lanes; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Commission recommends DDOT to allow existing streateries that are of sound design, in good condition, and compliant with key health, safety, and transportation regulations, which were approved under the temporary program; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Commission recommends DDOT provide prioritized support consultation for restaurants with structures that need modification to eliminate physical and visual barriers to travel lanes and sight lines so that those modifications can be made expeditiously; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Commission recommends DDOT analyze prefabricated streatory offerings, pre-approve one or more prefabricated streatory vendors for use by DC restaurants, and eliminate the need for construction, elevation, and other application data for businesses that apply for a new permit and select a pre-approved streatory option; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Commission requests that DDOT extend the compliance deadline under the new guidelines from November 30 to March 31 in order to afford small businesses the opportunity to continue operations as initially permitted under the temporary Streatory Program, and to afford the agency time to consult with stakeholders and arrive at a more agreeable set of permanent guidelines; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Commission calls upon DDOT to engage all affected Commissions to collaboratively develop plans for the disposition of public space formerly occupied by streateries, instead of reverting that space to parking.

Commissioners Jeff Rueckgauer ([2B02@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2B02@anc.dc.gov)) and Zach Adams ([2B08@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2B08@anc.dc.gov)) are the Commission's representatives for this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zach Adams', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Zachary Adams  
Chair

CC: Councilmember Brianne Nadeau, Ward 1  
Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie, At-Large