

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT (PLUM) COMMITTEE REPORT relative to improving the existing inspection and permitting process for restaurant equipment and related scope of works.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Rodriguez - Lee):

INSTRUCT the Department of Building and Safety (DBS) in consultation with the City Attorney, to prepare a report with recommendations to improve the existing inspection and permitting process for restaurant equipment and related scope of works, as follows:

- a. Feasibility and ability to expand virtual inspections for all types of commercial equipment and related inspections - many installations require visual verification of proper installation, without need for further detail.
- b. Expand the self-certification program from residential to include commercial contractors. This would allow DBS to explore including other contractors in the process of pulling permits for work they are qualified to perform for given levels of experience.
- c. Ability for single inspectors to be introduced for continuity of projects, to avoid the change in requests between inspectors.
- d. Clarification of like-for-like equipment, to clarify when equipment can be deemed similar enough to be replaced without inspections, e.g. similar water pressure and capacity of water related items.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Summary:

At a regular meeting held on August 26, 2025, the PLUM Committee considered Motion (Rodriguez - Lee) relative to preparing a report with recommendations to improve the existing inspection and permitting process for restaurant equipment and related scope of works. After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended to approve the recommendation contained in the Motion. This matter is now submitted to the Council for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,



PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
HUTT:	YES
NAZARIAN:	ABSENT
LEE:	YES
RAMAN:	YES

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