

In reply please refer to:

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To: Circulation Referral Agencies

Re: Text amendment to Zoning Bylaw 12800 to stimulate arts-related uses

Sustainable Development is advancing a Zoning Bylaw text amendment in order to remove land use barriers and stimulate arts activities within the City of Edmonton. The proposed amendments stem from a recommendation of the Edmonton Arts Council report *The Art of Living*, which was approved by Council in 2008. *The Art of Living* is a ten year cultural plan that outlines ways to improve and promote art and culture practices in Edmonton.

The proposed amendments include many modifications to arts-related use class definitions and regulations within the Edmonton Zoning Bylaw, as well as the addition of arts-related use classes to additional zones. Significant proposed changes include:

- merging Bars and Neighbourhood Pubs and Nightclubs into one use class, “Social Establishments” and eliminating the 10% dance floor restriction
- merging Restaurants and Specialty Food Services into one use class, “Eating Establishments”
- amending the definitions for General Retail Store and Secondhand Stores so that Secondhand Stores refers to goods sold in pawn
- amending the definition and regulations for Live Work Units
- Renaming “Custom Manufacturing Establishment” to “Creation and Production Studio” and modifying the definition
- adding additional uses to numerous commercial zones

This proposed Zoning Bylaw text amendment has a City Council Public Hearing target date of July 3, 2012. In order to ensure that your input is incorporated into the report for Council, **Sustainable Development is requesting responses no later than May 11, 2012.**

We would appreciate a response to indicate whether or not you support the proposed changes. However, if we have not received a response by the due date, we will assume that you have no comments or concerns, and are not opposed. If you have any questions, or require additional information, please contact the undersigned.

Please be advised that the City of Edmonton is hosting a come and go Open House in order to provide information and receive feedback on the proposed changes, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm on May 9, 2012 in the Kerr Room at The Prince of Wales Armouries (10440 108 Ave. NW). Please feel free to attend if you would like further information or wish to provide feedback in person on the proposed amendments.

Please send your response or requests for further information to either:

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