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TO: Members of the Municipal Services Committee

FROM: Danielle Block, Director

SUBJECT: Revised Street Terrace Policy

DATE: October 24, 2022

On June 15, 2022 Resolution #7-R-22 Street Terrace Policy Modifications was submitted by Alderperson Del Toro. Department of Public Works staff worked to draft a proposal to allow for additional uses within the Street Terrace. As part of that review, staff explored the potential benefits as well as any possible unintended consequences of the proposed changes.

A first draft of the modified Street Terrace Policy was presented to the Committee on August 22, 2022 and was recommended for approval to the Common Council. On September 7, 2022, the Common Council referred the item back to Municipal Services Committee for discussion on September 12, 2022. During the Committee meeting on September 12, 2022 – staff was asked to redraft the policy. Specifically, staff was asked to redraft the policy:

- for clarity;
- to specify acceptable uses and uses that require a permit;
- and to address safety concerns related to planting height and width.

Attached for your review and consideration is the final draft of the Street Terrace Policy. The Public Works and Legal Departments have reviewed the draft to address the items listed above.

Item "A" discusses rules for planting in the street terrace. According to current Code plantings within the street terrace are allowed up to a maximum of 36-inches in height, as dictated by vision clearance code language.

Item "B" discusses uses that are acceptable. If adopted, this policy would now allow flower and vegetable gardens and mulch (two previously unacceptable uses).

Item "C" specifies uses that are not acceptable, unless a terrace occupancy permit is approved by Municipal Services and Common Council.

Staff recommends approval of this policy. The goal was to create a policy revision that was easier to understand and implement. Thank you for your consideration.