

Effects of Implementation to the Edmonton Zoning Bylaw

Alcohol Sales Uses

Recommendation:

That the January 20, 2015, Sustainable Development report CR_210, be received for information.

Report Summary

This report provides an update on the effects of amendments to the Zoning Bylaw 12800 regulations for Major and Minor Alcohol Sales Uses.

Previous Council/Committee Action

At the October 29, 2012, City Council Public Hearing, the following motion was passed:

That Administration provide a report to Executive Committee by January 2015 providing an update on the effects of the implementation of the text amendments made to the Edmonton Zoning Bylaw regarding Alcohol Sales Uses passed at the October 29, 2012, City Council Public Hearing.

Report

City Council approved Bylaw 15520 on October 29, 2012, to resolve issues related to the required 500 metre separation distance between liquor stores. Since many of Edmonton's liquor stores were established before the 500 metre separation was implemented, many became legally non-conforming after the separation distance was introduced in 2007. This means that the approvals granted before 2007 were not subject to the separation distance. Consequently, liquor stores that needed renovations or needed to relocate within their existing building could become subject to the 500 metre separation limitation.

In response to this, amendments were made to Zoning Bylaw 12800 in 2012 to allow existing liquor stores to:

- relocate within a 500 metre radius from their current location
- close for renovations longer than six months, or
- relocate temporarily, within 500 metres for as long as five years while a new store is constructed.

A summary documenting the number of approved and refused Development Permit applications for two years before and two years after the the approval of Bylaw 15520 is provided in Attachment 1. The summary indicates that there are similar amounts of development permits for Major or Minor Alcohol Sales before and after Bylaw 15520

was implemented, and that there are fewer cancelled or expired applications after the regulation change.

Attachments

1. Summary of Development Permits Issued for Major or Minor Alcohol Sales