

From: [Cheley Ornong](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Bread & honey Cafe testimony(465)
Date: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 10:43:04 AM

Good morning,

I am the Manager of a small cafe in North Portland called Bread & Honey.

We like so many other businesses have been truly effected by this pandemic & the restrictions we've had to keep up with.

Since the pandemic began we lost a total of 8 months of business due to the fact that we are too small of an establishment to survive on take out only orders.

A way to keep our cafe & our team afloat was to purchase an outdoor tent, lights, and a heater which allowed us to continue to operate safely with the restrictions given.

We feel that it would be only fair to allows us and other businesses effected to keep their outdoor dining areas without costing anymore hardship.

We have followed restrictions & adapted during this time & would appreciate keeping our tent the way it is without being penalized or causing anymore costly inconveniences which we've already been so effected by.

Thank you for your time & allowing us to give this testimony.

Cheley Ornong
Manager of Bread and Honey Cafe

From: kelly@westernadvocates.com
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony re Council Agenda No. 465
Date: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 2:04:32 PM
Attachments: [6-15-21 NAIOP Letter to Portland City Council re Ordinance to Waive Certain Permitting Requirements.pdf](#)

Please find attached our testimony in support of Agenda No. 465 for tomorrow morning's Council meeting.

Thanks,

Kelly



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From: [Krista Pettis](#)
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Subject: Agenda Item #493
Date: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 10:59:38 AM

Good morning,

We are writing in support of Agenda item #493 -- specifically, the portion of the ordinance which would waive the requirement for non-conforming upgrades until March 2023.

We are a group of veterinarians hoping to start an urgent care veterinary practice. Aside from a brief pause at the beginning of the pandemic, we've been looking for a commercial lease for about two years. The pandemic has seen a 30+% increase in demand for veterinary services. Current veterinary clinics (both emergency facilities and general practices) are inundated, and local ER wait times commonly exceed 12-24 hours. Additionally, the increasing cost of veterinary services has made veterinary care unattainable for many pet owners, and numerous barriers to care exist for BIPOC, low-income, and senior pet owners in particular. We hope to open an urgent care practice that can address our community's current dire need for efficient, accessible veterinary care.

We are currently in the process of negotiating a lease on a property in southeast Portland. Construction costs for veterinary build-outs can be extensive, and our proposed project would trigger the threshold requiring 10% of our project value to be put towards non-conforming upgrades (primarily parking lot improvements). Our interior construction costs alone will consume most of the start-up funds allocated for this purpose by the bank. This start-up is a passion project for us. As a group of private individuals, without corporate backing and burdened by student loan debt, we bring very little other outside financial resources to the project. Our landlord is not likely inclined to take a financial interest in completing the non-conforming upgrades.

Portland is our home and we share the value placed on having bike-accessible, well-landscaped commercial zones. However, the requirement to overhaul the parking lot will be excessively onerous for us, both financially, and as it pertains to delays in permitting time.

If this ordinance doesn't pass, we'll likely be in the position of either needing to quickly come up with an additional \$40K in funding, staging our interior build-out, or abandoning this project altogether.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Submitting on behalf of my clients, who need to preserve confidentiality until they have left current employment for this new endeavor.

Thank you,
Krista Pettis

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Krista Pettis

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