

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3B
GLOVER PARK AND CATHEDRAL HEIGHTS



**Resolution In Support of Easing Rush Hour Restrictions Along the West-Side of Wisconsin Avenue
in Glover Park to allow for Streateries**

The District Department of Transportation is evaluating whether and how restaurants throughout the District of Columbia can continue to maintain, or establish new, streateries – outdoor dining spaces that are built on streets.

In the wake of mandated restrictions on in-door dining capacity the District imposed on restaurants during the coronavirus pandemic, District Department of Transportation officials provided restaurants with wide latitude to establish outdoor dining patios on public streets, otherwise known as streateries.

The clear intent of these new streateries was to ease the economic impacts of indoor capacity restrictions by making it easier for restaurants to expand their outdoor dining capacity. As happened across the District, a number of dining establishments within the Wisconsin Avenue corridor invested considerable amounts of money to establish streateries.

These outdoor dining venues have proved popular and helped some dining establishments survive the economic hardships imposed on them by COVID restrictions. Establishments within Glover Park’s commercial corridor on Wisconsin Avenue invested additional funds to improve and their streateries and have come to rely on them as a key part of their business model.

Given the significant hardships many dining establishments in the District of Columbia currently face – including the impacts of recent federal layoffs, significant and ongoing increases in food and labor costs, high rents and financial uncertainty, the ability to operate current and future streateries in Glover Park is likely to mean the difference between success and failure for many of these small, mostly-independent, businesses.

In addition, despite recent return to office mandates, the presence of streateries along Wisconsin Avenue does not have appear to have had a negative impact on traffic patterns or road safety within the Glover Park commercial corridor.

We understand that a key obstacle to allowing streateries to continue to exist is the presence of rush hour parking restrictions. As a result, we are urging the District Department of Transportation to eliminate all rush-hour parking restrictions along the west side of Wisconsin Avenue north of 36th Street NW and south of Calvert Street NW.

We trust that doing so will allow for existing and new streateries along Wisconsin Avenue along the Glover Park commercial strip.

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We further resolve that regulatory changes that may be required by the District Department of Transportation allowing streateries in Glover Park not impose undue financial burdens on restaurant operators. There is clearly a way to continue maintaining the safety and health of these facilities without forcing costly changes on the existing approach to the streateries.


Brian Turmail, Chair


Melissa Lane, Secretary

This resolution was approved by a vote of 4-0 at a duly noticed, public meeting of ANC3B on September 4, 2025 at which a quorum was present. (A quorum is 4 of the 6 commissioners.)

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