

Dear DGBA, city council, and the mayor,

The majority of retail customers drive downtown. Parking allows them to shop.

The negative effect for ***most DBBA retailers*** caused by street parking patios is *\$50-\$100/hour* during the day. The assumption of \$50-\$100/hour is based on likely expenditures from car occupants if they had been able to find a convenient parking space. A well known effect of lack of convenient parking is that frustrated customers head out of the downtown to spend elsewhere.

The likely lost revenue by non-patio retailers can be calculated as follows:

Each space costs non-patio retailers *\$500-\$1000/day/space*. If a patio takes up 3 parking spots, that is \$1500-\$3000/day for the patio. For 5 months that translate to approximately *\$75,000-\$150,000/patio for the season*.

Two questions that need to be answered before approving the proposed patio policy:

1) ***Where in the city's proposal (or DGBA counter proposals) are non-patio retailers being compensated for their losses?*** By DGBA? By the city? By the patio owners?

2) Why is DGBA and the city facilitating a small number of bars to provide weekend boozing at the expense of most DGBA members? Special COVID lifelines have passed. No more handouts for bars.

best,
Doug Minett