
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2252

State of Washington

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By House Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Klicker, Leavitt, Sandlin, Reed, Fosse, Graham, and Taylor)

1 AN ACT Relating to allowing small business establishments in
2 residential zones; adding a new section to chapter 35.21 RCW; and
3 adding a new section to chapter 35A.21 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 35.21
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) A city or town must allow neighborhood cafés to be permitted
8 in any zone allowing residential uses provided that the following
9 conditions are met:

10 (a) The total gross floor area of the café must be at least 500
11 square feet;

12 (b) There are no drive-through facilities at the café;

13 (c) The café must offer food if alcoholic drinks are offered; and

14 (d) The café is located in an area where there is more than one
15 means of egress for vehicle traffic.

16 (2) Cities and towns may not require more than two off-street
17 parking spots per café.

18 (3) Hours of operation may be limited by the city or town.

19 (4) For the purposes of this section, "neighborhood café" means
20 an establishment that serves a limited menu of food items and has at
21 least 500 square feet of gross floor area.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 35A.21
2 RCW to read as follows:
3 (1) A code city must allow neighborhood cafés to be permitted in
4 any zone allowing residential uses provided that the following
5 conditions are met:
6 (a) The total gross floor area of the café must be at least 500
7 square feet;
8 (b) There are no drive-through facilities at the café;
9 (c) The café must offer food if alcoholic drinks are offered; and
10 (d) The café is located in an area where there is more than one
11 means of egress for vehicle traffic.
12 (2) Code cities may not require more than two off-street parking
13 spots per café.
14 (3) Hours of operation may be limited by the code city.
15 (4) For the purposes of this section, "neighborhood café" means
16 an establishment that serves a limited menu of food items and has at
17 least 500 square feet of gross floor area.

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