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RE: LOADING ZONES AND TAXI ZONES

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WHEREAS there are short-stay parking shortages in many of the central-city business districts;

AND WHEREAS easily accessible, visible, and nearby short-stay parking stalls are critical to the financial viability of local businesses and shops;

AND WHEREAS land for off-street, short-stay parking lots is in short supply and of high value in the central-city business districts;

AND WHEREAS on-street metered parking stalls are the most convenient and most accessible by shoppers and visitors to central-city business districts;

AND WHEREAS many loading and taxi zones are misused in the central-city business districts;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City Council direct the Civic Administration to conduct a review with stakeholders including, but not limited to, the City of Calgary Transportation Department, the Calgary Parking Authority, Transit, Planning and Building, BOMA, Calgary Downtown Association, the Taxi Commission and ward Aldermen ,of the existing loading zone and taxi zone policies and practices with a view to determining whether more effective management of these valuable spaces is feasible given the overall parking, loading and transportation needs of the central-city business districts, such review to include appropriate stakeholder engagement.