

Neighbourhood Retail & Services (NRS) FACT SHEET

Zoning changes to allow businesses to open in residential properties with no review or approval required



COTRA Survey Results

Feedback collected from September 2-15

-  **90%** oppose rezoning to allow businesses in Neighbourhood Interiors
77% oppose rezoning to allow businesses on residential Major streets
96% of comments express opposition to the proposal as is

 **80%** want City to support current commercial and main street retail
90% want Committee of Adjustment to review applications
57% support community consultation to identify sections of Major Streets to rezone, where there is a neighbourhood need

**3,400 +
respondents!**

**3,700 + unique
comments!**

Big concerns

- Cannabis, alcohol sales, bars and patios
- Loss of housing and permitted tenant evictions
- Increased noise, traffic, crime, garbage & pests, and lack of parking
- Lack of guardrails, insufficient City enforcement

A flawed NRS consultation and proposal

- Low resident awareness, support and feedback
- Local need for more retail and services not justified; inaccurate City retail maps/data
- Nearly identical to December 2024 proposal

Little change

- Major Streets** - No change to blanket permissions
- Neighbourhood Interiors**: Retail still permits alcohol and cannabis sales
- Retail is still allowed next to schools and parks
 - Retail permitted on corner lots and bends along Collector and Minor Arterial Roads — newly rebranded as “Community Streets” (see [Road Classification List](#))
- Patios**: Permitted on Majors Streets but not in Neighbourhood Interiors

**Toronto residents DO NOT SUPPORT
blanket rezoning of homes for commercial use.**