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**The City of New York  
Community Board 8 Manhattan  
Vendors Committee  
Thursday, February 27, 2025 – 6:30pm  
This meeting was conducted via Zoom**

*Please note: The resolutions contained in the committee minutes are recommendations submitted by the committee co-chairs to the Community Board. At the monthly full board meeting, the resolution is discussed and voted upon by all members of Community Board 8 Manhattan.*

**RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL: Support of Intro #1164**

**MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:** Michele Birnbaum, Marco Tamayo, and Monica McKane (public member)

**Approximate Number of Public Attendees: 15**

Our meeting began at 6:32 PM and addressed the agenda, as follows:

Google presentation ([attached](#)) by Marco who explained street vending regulations and shared images of vendor infractions, both as illustrated by Google maps and by his personal recent photos, which if compared, showed that some vendors have been in the same location for years. One of the Google images recorded a non-compliant vendor, about whom a resident, Robin Ostrow, has been complaining for years and who now has an A rating on his cart, despite being reported for being in his location 24 hours each day, never reporting to his commissary for cleaning, as is required by law.

Mr. Okotieuro of the DSNY and PEP Officer Isaac Wise were in attendance, with PEP Inspector Thompson joining a little later in the meeting. Mr. Okotieuro reported that the ballot initiative permitting the DSNY to now enter a park to do enforcement had passed, and that the DSNY is working out a protocol with PEP officers as to how to enforce in the parks. Previously, only PEP officers were allowed to issue tickets in the park.

Preparing meals at their homes and selling them in the streets is now proliferating. Mr. O said he was aware, but these vendors move around a lot, and so the DSNY officers have difficulty finding them, but his agency has removed these coolers and continues to try to locate them and continue to enforce. He has seen them in CB4, but said he will spend specific time in CB8.

Phyllis Stoller reported that a truck vendor on 63rd Street, usually on the NW corner of Lexington, has moved to the NE corner of 63<sup>rd</sup> and Lexington because of subway construction; she highlights that the truck has disco type lights around the top which, while not illegal, are too high off the ground, thus putting them very near a residential window. She believes these are permitted for only a portion of the day, but she reports that they are on all hours and that the neighbor, whose window they abut, is disturbed. While the lights are permitted by law, Michele suggests that Mr. O look into asking for an agency “rule” asking for greater clarity and more restrictions on the use of lighting. Mr. O explained that the DOHWP issues the license, so he will ask them if they can ask for such a rule.

Sean asked if anyone that can be contacted to get on-going enforcement for the 77<sup>th</sup> and Lexington food truck that has not moved in 8 months, has neon lights, and runs a generator 24/7. Sean has filed multiple 311 complaints,

but to no avail. Michele Birnbaum asked him to share the 311 complaint numbers with her, and she will follow up. The food truck is out of compliance for about 7 violations and never corrects. Sean, with frustration states, “No matter how many reports of violations there are, the situation never changes.”

Michele Birnbaum observed that there is not enough staff, and without budgeting for an increase in an adequate number of agents, adequate enforcement is not possible.

Andrew Fine, who took pictures of non-compliant vendors and expressed grave frustration that fruit inventory trucks, which hold the inventory for fruit vendors on 86<sup>th</sup> Street, have been there since 2005. He reported that they had ripped down the no parking signs which stated permitted hours, which were, since, restored.

He took multiple pictures and videos of vendors in Central Park with as many as four Mango vendors in any one location. They remain. Marco showed pictures of park vendors.

Mr. O stressed that his legality in the park is still being worked out, with some voicing frustration that it has been months since the law permitting DSNY in the park has been in effect.

PEP Inspector Thompson reported that she has been doing joint operations with NYPD, who has issued many summonses and confiscations and has provided hot spots to the DSNY; she said they will work together, but their assistance protocol is not, yet, in place. NYPD is also allowed to ticket violations as is the DOHWP. She explained that she is here tonight to see what the problems are in this neighborhood. The Central Park Precinct is allowed to enforce, but mainly they assist PEP officers. They can help PEP to seize property and bring the vendors to their NYPD precinct. The DOHWP can only enforce around the perimeter of the Park, not in the Park, itself.

Andrew gave specific vendor locations to the agents but said “they are everywhere.” Despite walking in Central Park every day, he witnessed only one enforcement incident, and the Officer couldn’t confiscate goods, because the vendor was a minor.

The process of enforcement is that the vendor receives a summons for an infraction, and when warranted, the Officer can confiscate goods. If food is confiscated, then it is composted. The officers at our meeting did not know what the fines were, but it is apparent that the fine is not sufficient to act as a deterrent. Inspector Thompson said that going forward, now that DSNY Officers are permitted in the park, PEP will do more rounds with the help of DSNY.

Andrew Fine asked what we could do to help. Can we advocate for more resources? Following a brief discussion, and because it became obvious that there was an insufficient number of enforcing officers in any department, there was a consensus that we ask our Chair to write a letter asking for increased funding in the budget, specifically, for vendor enforcement.

We discussed vendor control being included in the new Mayor’s *Quality of Life Department. Every Park Counts* is a program that will combine agencies and resources to enforce all infractions in Parks.

Robin Ostrow reiterated that the Taco cart discussed earlier, has been in the same location for the last 9 years, and even after it was reported to Mr. O, it remains. That truck never goes to a commissary, and yet, now it is displaying a decal with an A rating. Their lights provide light for groups of kids late at night who gather and play music. She watches while the Taco cart is re-stocked with food from another car or truck. Mr. O sent agents from the DSNY to that location several times, challenged the cart, noted that the vendor is licensed and permitted legally, but could not discern whether-or-not the cart had gone to the Commissary. Mr. O will go to the vendor and ask him to see his Commissary record and also check the legality of the A rating decal. This Taco vendor at 69<sup>th</sup> St and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, sometimes of the SW corner and sometimes on the SE Corner, is always near a subway entrance. The Vendor is clearly not concerned about enforcement.

Sean voiced much frustration that vendor infractions are very obvious and that non-compliant vendors have appropriated public property but are clearly not concerned about repercussions. He said, “The rules don’t matter, because there are no consequences.”

He suggested that we bombard our elected officials with requests for more money to hire more officers. Mr. O says there's about 40 enforcement officers in the DSNY for the whole city. The Inspector reported that there are approximately 10 PEP officers for all of Central Park and the Upper East Side.

We will ask the Board Chair to ask for budget increases in our District Needs Statement next year.

Streets that are overwhelmed with vendors represent a decline. Coolers of food brought from vendors' homes must be regulated, as they present dangerous health concerns.

Mrs. B says vendors are often exploited by distributors and others.

Monica McCane Sanchez asked about tax collection – the Al Capone approach. Michele responded that legal vendors have tax numbers, but illegals do not. Michele asked the Officers at the meeting to ask the Department of Finance to investigate that. A study was done years ago about tax revenue lost by not collecting from street vendors, and the loss was very substantial. Mr. O says that he will ask his colleagues about looking into this issue.

Elaine Walsh expressed that only confiscation, of not only merchandise, but of the street furniture and the trucks, would be a deterrent. Ticketing doesn't help. She emphasized that we need more resources.

Sean repeats that the frustration has built to the boiling point, because vendors are using public property to capitalize in the area while not living there and seem to have more of a say in their activities than do people who live in the neighborhood. Sean has called 311 since 1990, and nothing is solved.

Orah reported that 86<sup>th</sup> Street @ the NW corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue has become a permanent location for truck vendors who block a hydrant, block the bus lane, block the cross-walk and impede the sight lines for drivers who are turning. Passengers who are dismounting a bus need to walk through a tree pit to get onto the sidewalk. The DSNY took the truck away, but it was back in two days.

Agenda Item 3 was about Intro # 1164, proposed by members of the City Council, which would require a central portal, under the auspices of the Office of the Mayor, to which vendor information would be reported.

**Resolution:**

**Marco stepped away as Co-chair so that he could discuss this Intro which was originally introduced in 2021. He proposed a resolution, as follows:**

**CB8 supports Intro #1164 as presented.** which was seconded by Monica.

**The Resolution was unanimously approved with a vote of 3 YES, 0 NO, and 0 Abstentions.**

INTRO #1164 IS [ATTACHED](#).

**It was further affirmed that the Vendor Committee would ask our Board Chair to write a letter to the appropriate agencies asking for more funding for vendor enforcement.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Co-chairs Michele Birnbaum and Marco Tamayo



# 1.ENFORCEMENT OF STREET VENDING IN OUR STREETS



# STREET VENDOR REGULATIONS

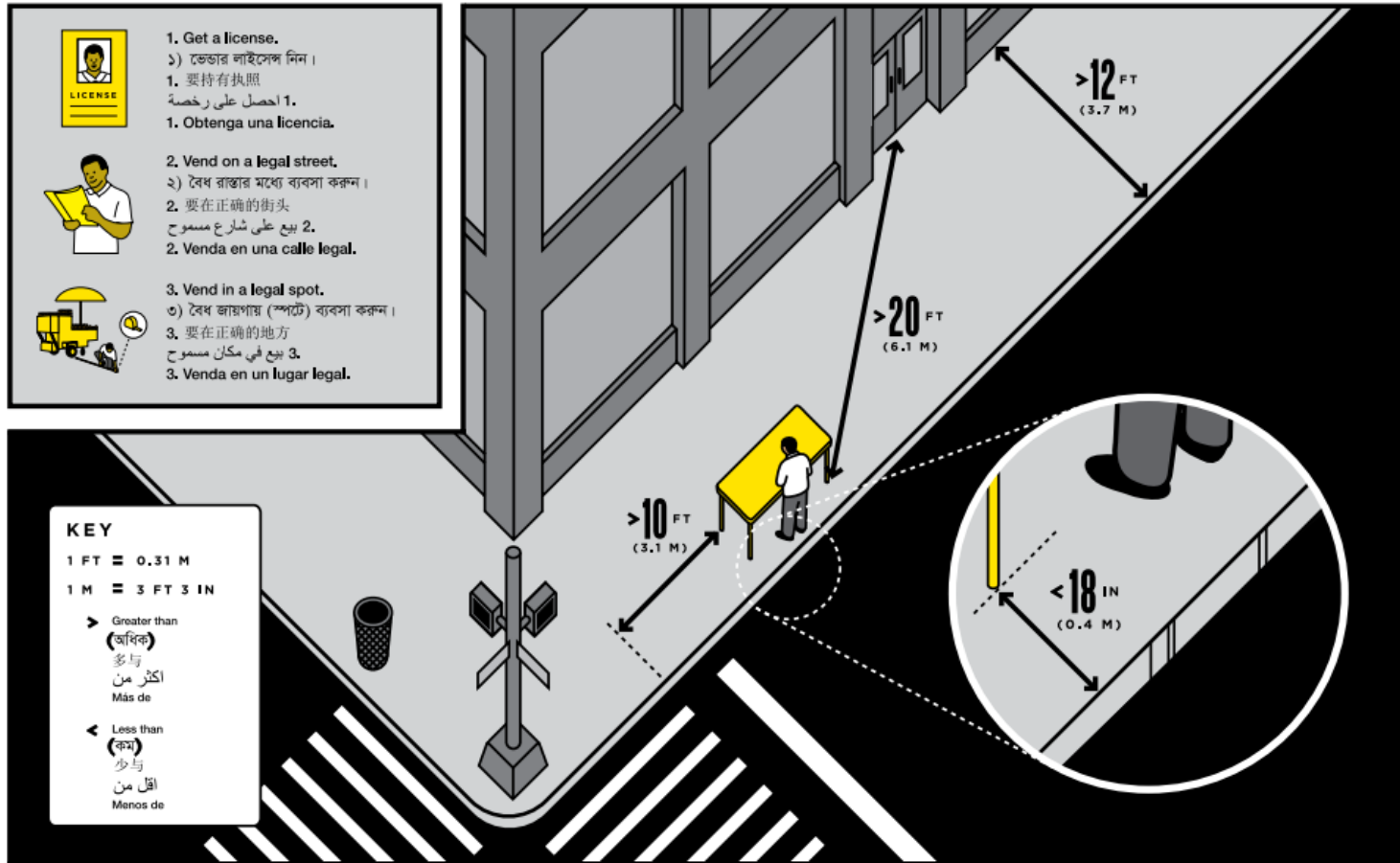
## § 2-304 Restrictions on Vendor Vehicle Location.

- (a) A general vendor shall not place a vehicle, pushcart or stand, or conduct a general vending business at a location in the roadway where stopping, standing or parking is prohibited, or during a time period when stopping, standing or parking is restricted.
- (a) A general vendor shall not place a vehicle, pushcart or stand, or conduct a general vending business in the roadway in a metered parking space unless such vendor has complied with the coin requirements of such meter. A general vendor shall not remain in a metered parking space for a period of time in excess of the maximum time permitted at such space. Moreover, a general vendor shall not display, sell or offer merchandise for sale from any vehicle parked at a metered parking space.
- (c) A general vendor shall not place a vehicle, pushcart or stand or conduct a general vending business in the roadway within fifteen (15) feet of a fire hydrant or within a safety zone.

# GRAPHIC STREET VENDOR REGULATIONS

## KNOW THE LAW

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# FOOD TRUCK VENDOR – 78 ST. NORTH WEST @LEX AVE.



GOOGLE MAPS PHOTO



DATE PHOTO TAKEN:2/22/25

## NON COMPLIANT WITH THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS:

You cannot vend within 10 feet of any crosswalks at an intersection, subway entrances and exits, or driveways.

NYC Code §17-315(e)

You must leave at least a 12-foot-wide clear path on the sidewalk for pedestrians.

**Tip:** The distance is measured from the property line to any sidewalk obstructions (e.g., bike racks, fire hydrants, street signs) or, if there are no obstructions, to the curb.

NYC Code §17-315(a)

Your pushcart or vehicle must have a valid DOHMH [Mobile Food Vendor](#) permit.

NYC Code §17-307(b)(1)

The Mobile Food Vendor permit decal and letter grade must be on the pushcart or vehicle and visible to the public and enforcement officers at all times.

**Tip:** The permit does not need to be in the vendor's name.

NYC Code §17-311(c)



# FOOD TRUCK VENDOR – LEX. AVE. NORTH EAST



GOOGLE MAPS PHOTO



DATE PHOTO TAKEN:1/29/25

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NYC Code §17-315(f)

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# FOOD TRUCK VENDOR – 86 ST SOUTH WEST @ SECOND AVE.



GOOGLE MAPS PHOTO



DATE PHOTO TAKEN:1/29/25

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# FOOD TRUCK VENDOR – LEX AVE. SOUTH EAST @86 ST.



GOOGLE MAPS PHOTO



DATE PHOTO TAKEN:1/29/25

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# FRUIT TRUCK VENDOR – 86 ST. NORTH WEST @ THIRD AVE.



GOOGLE MAPS PHOTO



DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1/29/25

## NON COMPLIANT WITH THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS:

If your pushcart or vehicle is in the roadway (e.g., in parking spaces), you must follow all traffic and parking laws.

NYC Code §17-315(f)

Your pushcart must be at least 20 feet from the entrance or exit of any building.

NYC Code §17-315(d)

## FOOD PUSH CAR VENDOR – SECOND AVE. SOUTH EAST @ 78 ST.



GOOGLE MAPS PHOTO



DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 2/10/25

### NON COMPLIANT WITH THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS:

If your pushcart or vehicle is in the roadway (e.g., in parking spaces), you must follow all traffic and parking laws.

**NYC Code §17-315(f)**

You must have something above your pushcart to protect the food and equipment from contamination.

**Tip:** You can use a retractable umbrella.

**24 RCNY §6-04(o)**

You must leave at least a 12-foot-wide clear path on the sidewalk for pedestrians.

**Tip:** The distance is measured from the property line to any sidewalk obstructions (e.g., bike racks, fire hydrants, street signs) or, if there are no obstructions, to the curb.

**NYC Code §17-315(a)**

# MORE STREET VENDOR REGULATIONS

## § 2-317 Transfer of General Vending Licenses.

(a) Upon the death of a licensed general vendor, the Department shall transfer the license to the surviving spouse, if any, of the general vendor if the spouse informs the Department, he or she desires to use the license. If there is no surviving spouse or if the surviving spouse elects not to use the license, the Department shall transfer the license to the guardian of a surviving minor child or children of the general vendor, provided the guardian intends to use the license for the support of the minor child or children. The Department shall issue a general vending license to the applicable party in his or her name upon submission to the Department of proof of the conditions upon which the transfer is based. The license shall revert to the Department for reassignment upon the death of the surviving spouse to whom the license has been transferred, or when:

- (1) the surviving spouse to whom the license has been transferred remarries;
- (2) the youngest minor child of the deceased licensed general vendor reaches the age of eighteen; or
- (3) the surviving spouse to whom the license has been transferred, or the guardian of the minor child or children to whom the license has been transferred, elects not to use the license to vend in the city of New York or abandons the use of the license.

Temporary periods when the surviving spouse or guardian do not vend shall not cause the license to revert to the Department in the absence of other evidence of an intent to abandon the use of the license; however, a period of six months or more in which the holder of the license does not vend shall create a rebuttable presumption that the spouse or guardian has abandoned the use of the license.

In the event that the surviving spouse to whom the license has been transferred, or the guardian of a surviving minor child or children to whom the license has been transferred, dies before the youngest minor child reaches the age of eighteen, any new guardian must submit a request to the Department for transfer of the license. Any license so transferred shall revert to the Department by operation of law when the youngest minor child reaches the age of eighteen.

(b) If a licensed general vendor becomes totally and permanently disabled, he or she may transfer the license to his or her spouse or, if the licensee has no spouse, to an adult child if the child assumes the duty to support the licensee. The Department shall issue a general vending license to the applicable party in his or her name upon submission to the Department of proof of the conditions upon which such transfer is based. The license shall revert to Department when:

- (1) the general vendor who held the license immediately before the transfer dies;
- (2) the spouse to whom the license has been transferred dies or divorces the general vendor who held the license immediately before the transfer; or
- (3) the child to whom the license has been transferred dies or renounces the obligation to support the general vendor who held the license immediately before the transfer.

(c) For purposes of this section, "spouse" includes a domestic partner.

(d) **Except as provided for in this section, no general vending license, and no interest in any general vending license, may be sold, lent, leased or transferred.**



# VENDOR FRUIT PUSH-CAR – SECOND AVE. NORTH EAST @ 86 ST.



GOOGLE MAPS PHOTO



DATE PHOTO TAKEN:1/29/25

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24 RCNY §6-04(o)

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NYC Code §17-315(e)



# VENDOR FRUIT PUSH-CAR— SECOND AVE. NORTH WEST @ 64 ST.



GOOGLE MAPS PHOTO



DATE PHOTO TAKEN:1/29/25

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# VENDOR FOOD PUSH CAR – LEX AVE. NORTH WEST @ 86 ST.



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→ NYC Code §17-315(a)

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→ NYC Code §17-311(c)

Your pushcart, vehicle, the goods you are selling, and any other items related to your vending cannot touch any buildings or structures (e.g., lampposts, parking meters, mailboxes, traffic signal posts, fire hydrants, tree boxes, benches, bus shelters, trash bins, or traffic barriers).

→ NYC Code §17-315(b)



# VENDOR FOOD PUSH CAR— 69 ST. SOUTH WEST @ SECOND AVE.



GOOGLE MAPS



DATE PHOTO TAKEN:1/29/25

## NON COMPLIANT WITH THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS:

No liquid, trash, or food can spill from your pushcart or vehicle.  
NYC Health Code, 24 RCNY Art. 89.25(c)

You cannot vend within 10 feet of any crosswalks at an intersection, subway entrances and exits, or driveways.  
NYC Code §17-315(e)



# VENDOR FOOD PUSH CAR—86 ST. NORTH WEST @ LEX AVE.



GOOGLE MAPS PHOTO



DATE PHOTO TAKEN:1/29/25

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# VENDOR FOOD PUSH CAR— SECOND AVE.SOUTH EAST @ 70 STREET



GOOGLE MAPS PHOTO



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# VENDOR FOOD PUSH CAR— SECOND AVE. NORTH EAST @ 83 ST.



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NYC Code §17-315(e)



## FOOD VENDOR WITH COOLERS – YORK AVE. NORTH EAST @80 ST.



**NON COMPLIANT WITH THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS:**

**THESE VENDORS OPERATE**

**BETWEEN 11:30 AM THROUGH 1:30 PM.**



**DATE PHOTOS TAKEN:1/29/25**

## HUB FOOD VENDOR WITH COOLERS – FIRST AVE. NORTH WEST @78 ST.

**THESE VENDORS OPERATE  
BETWEEN 11:30 AM THROUGH 1:30 PM:**



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# MORE NON-COMPLIANT VENDING @ 86<sup>th</sup> STREET



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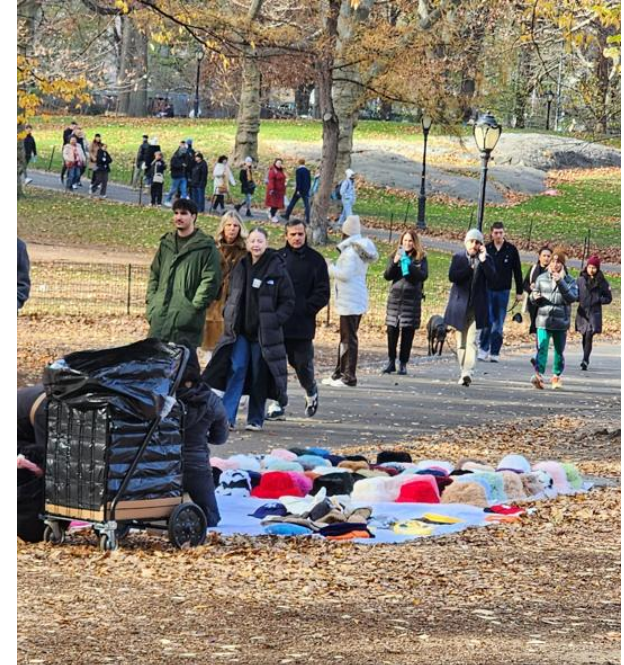
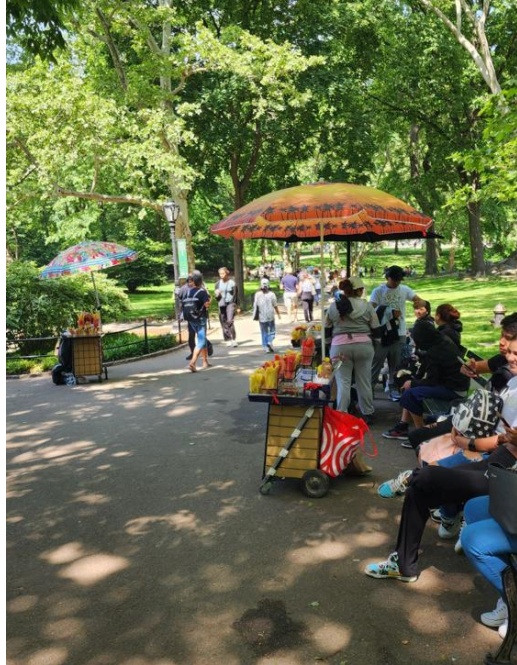
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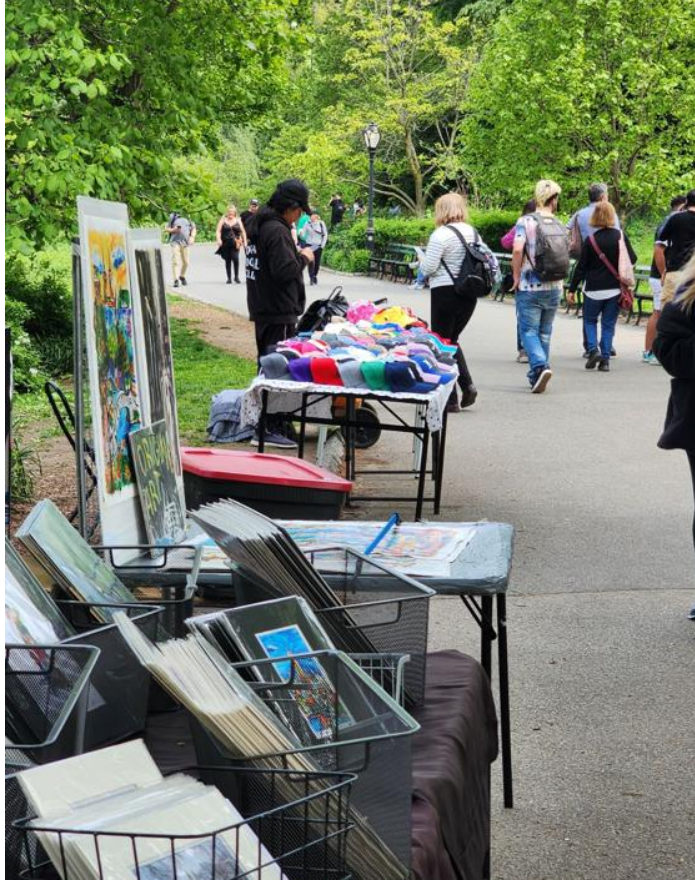
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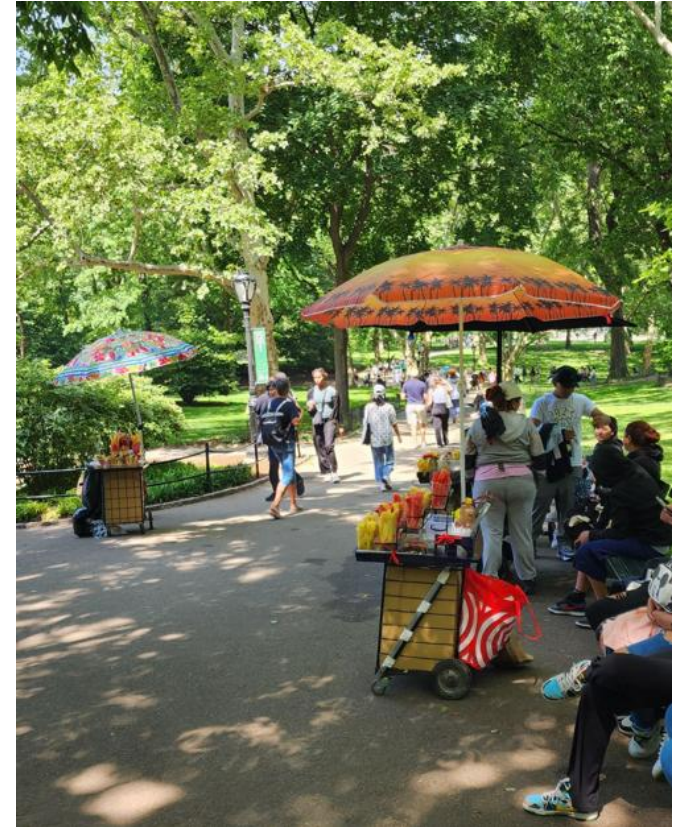
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3. INTO # 1164

## By Council Members Ariola, Louis, Zhuang, Banks, Narcisse, Paladino and Marmorato.

### Title

A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to requiring an interagency portal to track street vending enforcement. Body Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 13-e of the New York city charter, as amended by a vote of the electors on November 5, 2024, is amended to read as follows:

a. Definitions. For purposes of this section:

Applicable permittees or licenses. The term “applicable permittees or licensees” means persons issued full-term or temporary permits pursuant to section 17-307 of the administrative code, or persons issued licenses to vend pursuant to sections 17-307 or 17-307.1 of the administrative code, or licenses issued pursuant to section 20-456 of the administrative code.

Excessively congested areas. The term “excessively congested areas” includes, but is not limited to, areas where pedestrian volume regularly approaches or exceeds the capacity of the sidewalk.

b. There shall be an office of street vendor enforcement, which shall consist of enforcement agents who are specially trained in local laws and rules related to vending on the streets and sidewalks of the city of New York. The office of street vendor enforcement shall be fully operational on or before September 1, 2021 and shall commence enforcement activities on or before such date. Such enforcement activities shall, at a minimum, include a sufficient number of street patrols to inspect or examine the vending activities of at least 75 percent of applicable permittees or licensees on an annual basis. [For the purposes of this section, the term "applicable permittees or licensees" means persons issued full-term or temporary permits pursuant to section 17-307 of the administrative code, or persons issued licenses to vend pursuant to

sections 17-307 or 17-307.1 of the administrative code, or licenses issued pursuant to section 20-456 of the administrative code.] The mayor may establish such **office in the executive office of the mayor**, within any other office in the executive office of the mayor, or within any department, the head of which is appointed by the mayor.

c. **Such office shall have the power and duty to:**

[a] 1. [enforce] **Enforce** all local laws and rules related to vending on the streets and sidewalks and in parks of the city of New York, other than such local laws and rules related to food safety, including, but not limited to: section 16-118, subchapter 2 of chapter 3 of title 17, section 18-146, subchapter 27 of chapter 2 of title 20 and chapter 1 of title 24 of the administrative code; article 89 of the health code; and any rules of the city of New York implementing such laws;

[b] 2. [focus] **Focus** its enforcement efforts on areas including, but not limited to, areas adjacent to retailers that dedicate substantial floor area to the sale of fresh fruits and vegetables, and any other areas identified by the department of transportation as excessively congested and featuring a high level of complaints about vendor activity, if any;

[c] 3. [collaborate] **Collaborate** with the department of small business services to provide training, outreach and education to all street vendors on entrepreneurship and compliance with all applicable local laws and regulations, as well as solicit feedback from the street vendor community;

[d] 4. [receive] Receive all complaints related to street vending on the streets and sidewalks of the city of New York from the 311 service center or from any other means; [and]

[e] 5. [engage] Engage in such other activities related to enforcement of laws related to vending on the streets and sidewalks and in parks of the city of New York, or related to improving compliance with such laws, as may be designated by the mayor[. For the purposes of this section, “excessively congested” areas include, but are not limited to, areas where pedestrian volume regularly approaches or exceeds the capacity of the sidewalk.]; and

6. Create an interagency portal to share enforcement history and data across agencies that enforce street vending laws. Such portal shall:

(a) Include a database of all agency street vending enforcement actions searchable by location and vendor license number;

(b) Allow any agency enforcing street vending laws to input notes about vending activity in a certain location or by a certain vendor;

(c) Where applicable, display the previous enforcement violations associated with a vendor license number, and the disposition of such

violations; and

(d) Include a mechanism for any agency enforcing street vending laws to verify the authenticity of a vendor’s license.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 90 days after it becomes law.



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Section 1. Section 13-e of the New York city charter, as amended by a vote of the electors on November 5, 2024, is amended to read as follows:

a. Definitions. For purposes of this section:

Applicable permittees or licenses. The term “applicable permittees or licensees” means persons issued full-term or temporary permits pursuant to section 17-307 of the administrative code, or persons issued licenses to vend pursuant to sections 17-307 or 17-307.1 of the administrative code, or licenses issued pursuant to section 20-456 of the administrative code.

Excessively congested areas. The term “excessively congested areas” includes, but is not limited to, areas where pedestrian volume regularly approaches or exceeds the capacity of the sidewalk.

b. There shall be an office of street vendor enforcement, which shall consist of enforcement agents who are specially trained in local laws and rules related to vending on the streets and sidewalks of the city of New York. The office of street vendor enforcement shall be fully operational on or before September 1, 2021 and shall commence enforcement activities on or before such date. Such enforcement activities shall, at a minimum, include a sufficient number of street patrols to inspect or examine the vending activities of at least 75 percent of applicable permittees or licensees on an annual basis. [For the purposes of this section, the term "applicable permittees or licensees" means persons issued full-term or temporary permits pursuant to section 17-307 of the administrative code, or persons issued licenses to vend pursuant to

1 sections 17-307 or 17-307.1 of the administrative code, or licenses issued pursuant to section 20-  
2 456 of the administrative code.] The mayor may establish such office in the executive office of the  
3 mayor, within any other office in the executive office of the mayor, or within any department, the  
4 head of which is appointed by the mayor.

5 c. Such office shall have the power and duty to:

6 [a] 1. [enforce] Enforce all local laws and rules related to vending on the streets and  
7 sidewalks and in parks of the city of New York, other than such local laws and rules related to  
8 food safety, including, but not limited to: section 16-118, subchapter 2 of chapter 3 of title 17,  
9 section 18-146, subchapter 27 of chapter 2 of title 20 and chapter 1 of title 24 of the administrative  
10 code; article 89 of the health code; and any rules of the city of New York implementing such laws;

11 [b] 2. [focus] Focus its enforcement efforts on areas including, but not limited to, areas  
12 adjacent to retailers that dedicate substantial floor area to the sale of fresh fruits and vegetables,  
13 and any other areas identified by the department of transportation as excessively congested and  
14 featuring a high level of complaints about vendor activity, if any;

15 [c] 3. [collaborate] Collaborate with the department of small business services to provide  
16 training, outreach and education to all street vendors on entrepreneurship and compliance with all  
17 applicable local laws and regulations, as well as solicit feedback from the street vendor  
18 community;

19 [d] 4. [receive] Receive all complaints related to street vending on the streets and sidewalks  
20 of the city of New York from the 311 service center or from any other means; [and]

21 [e] 5. [engage] Engage in such other activities related to enforcement of laws related to  
22 vending on the streets and sidewalks and in parks of the city of New York, or related to improving  
23 compliance with such laws, as may be designated by the mayor[. For the purposes of this section,

1 “excessively congested” areas include, but are not limited to, areas where pedestrian volume  
2 regularly approaches or exceeds the capacity of the sidewalk.]; and

3 6. Create an interagency portal to share enforcement history and data across agencies that  
4 enforce street vending laws. Such portal shall:

5 (a) Include a database of all agency street vending enforcement actions searchable by  
6 location and vendor license number;

7 (b) Allow any agency enforcing street vending laws to input notes about vending activity  
8 in a certain location or by a certain vendor;

9 (c) Where applicable, display the previous enforcement violations associated with a vendor  
10 license number, and the disposition of such violations; and

11 (d) Include a mechanism for any agency enforcing street vending laws to verify the  
12 authenticity of a vendor’s license.

13 § 2. This local law takes effect 90 days after it becomes law.

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