



Request for City Council Committee Action from Licenses and Consumer Services

Date: April 29, 2014

To: Council Member Lisa Goodman, Chair
Community Development and Regulatory Services Committee

Subject: Ordinance amendment related to Limited Mobile Food Vehicle Vending license

Recommendation: That the Community Development and Regulatory Services Committee approve amending Chapter 188 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances to allow the sale of prepackaged perishable items from nonmotorized carts.

Previous Directives: None

Department Information

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Financial Impact

- No financial impact

Community Impact

- Neighborhood Notification: Public Hearing Notices were sent to all Limited Mobile Food Vehicle Vendor licensees, Business Associations, Neighborhood Organizations, and posted on the Business Licenses' website.
- City Goals: Businesses — big and small — start here, stay here, and thrive here.

Supporting Information

The popularity of mobile food service in Minneapolis has skyrocketed and interest continues to grow. This amendment affords an expanded opportunity and visibility for mobile food vendor operations in Minneapolis outside of the downtown area and supports the city goal for businesses, big and small, to start here, stay here and

thrive here by providing more opportunities for licensed food businesses in Minneapolis.

The licensee must sell only prepackaged, nonperishable or self-limiting packaged confections such as ice cream, pop, candy, and/or potato chips, for example, as approved by the environmental health division.

Licensees, pursuant to Chapter 188.480(8) of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, are not allowed to operate in the downtown area on and within the area bounded by the following streets: Commencing at the intersection of Second Avenue North and Washington Avenue; thence southwesterly along Second Avenue North to Ninth Street North; thence southerly and southeasterly along Ninth Street North to LaSalle Avenue; thence southwesterly and southerly along LaSalle Avenue to Grant Street; thence easterly along Grant Street to Portland Avenue; thence northeasterly along Portland Avenue to Ninth Street South; thence southeasterly along Ninth Street South to Chicago Avenue; thence northeasterly along Chicago Avenue to Washington Avenue; thence northwesterly along Washington Avenue to the point of beginning.

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By Bender

Amending Title 10, Chapter 188 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Food Code: Administration and Licensing.

The City Council of the City of Minneapolis do ordain as follows:

Section 1. That Section 188.480 (11) of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

188.480. Limited mobile food vehicle vending. It shall be unlawful to open, to operate any limited mobile food vending or mobile food manufacturing vehicle in the city, unless it is licensed, operated and conducted in accordance with the following conditions:

(11) Notwithstanding the limitations in subsection (1), licenses may be issued under this section for the sale of prepackaged perishable foods from nonmotorized carts operating ~~exclusively on public streets and~~ park board property with the approval of the park board. ~~Each applicant for a license under this subsection shall include in the application a proposed operating location or route.~~ The construction and dimensions of each cart, and all food and beverage items sold from such carts, shall be subject to the approval of the director of environmental health division. Each mobile food cart shall meet National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) standards for food storage preparation and dispensing. Each cart shall be stored, cleaned and serviced on a daily basis at a permanent location in the City of Minneapolis licensed as a food distributor or manufacturer. All other provisions of this section, except subsection (1), shall apply to a license issued under this subsection.

This shall not be interpreted to prohibit food catering.