



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

May 18, 2013

Council of the District of Columbia
The Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20004

The Honorable Vincent Gray, Mayor
District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Suite 316
Washington, DC 20004

Re: Consideration of resolution regarding draft Vending Business License Regulations

Dear Council of the District of Columbia,

At its regular meeting on May 8, 2013 the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With all of the Commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (9-0).

Whereas, it is the opinion of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B (ANC2B) that Mobile Vending adds a unique value to the Dupont Circle community by promoting innovative and creative dining options, adding value to public space and increasing the tax revenue collected by the District; and

Whereas, Food Trucks have served as incubators for small businesses, helping some To open “brick and mortar” businesses including, but not limited to, Mother Ship, District Taco and Kangaroo Boxing Club; and

Whereas the District of Columbia has the opportunity to set the standard on innovative, fair regulations for mobile vending; and

Whereas ANC2B has previously passed a Resolution in February 2012 supporting fair regulation of mobile vending; and

Whereas the Council of the District of Columbia is set to consider the Fourth Proposed Rulemaking for Street Vending, which would establish new regulations for vending business licenses, license fee for market manager business licenses, and fines for violations of vending business license regulations on May 10, 2013; and

Whereas affected ANC, must be accorded “Great Weight” when considering matters impacting public space, pursuant to section 13(d)(3) of the Advisory Neighborhood Commissions Act of 1975; and

Whereas the proposed regulations advocate the implementation of Mobile Vending Zones, without having consulted with affected ANCs about the proposed boundaries of these zones and the number of operators that may occupy these spaces; and

Whereas the proposed regulations place restrictions on mobile vendors operating on public space without prior consultation of the Advisory Neighborhood Commission about potential impacts on the neighborhood at-large; and

Whereas the Council of the District of Columbia is faced with the choice of only passing or rejecting the proposed mobile vending regulations and does not have the opportunity to amend them;

Be it resolved that ANC2B implores the Council of the District of Columbia to reject the Fourth Proposed Rulemaking for Street Vending and encourage the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs to revise the regulations that better incorporate business and consumer interests as well as those of the impacted neighbors and ANCs.

Commissioners Kevin O’Connor(kevin.oconnor@dupontcircleanc.net), Will Stephens (will.stephens@dupontcircleanc.net), and Mike Feldstein (mike.feldstein@dupontcircleanc.net) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,



Will Stephens, Chair

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