



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

April 26, 2018

Ms. Melinda Bolling
Director
Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs
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RE: The Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs' New Food Truck Regulations
Limiting the Number of Food Trucks Per Company

Dear Director Bolling,

At its regular meeting on April 11, 2018, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With 6 of 8 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (6-0-0):

WHEREAS, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2B has been a strong supporter of food trucks and mobile food vending regulations since 2012,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B is home to Farragut Square, one of the most active and successful food truck pods in the District,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B believes that food trucks contribute positively to creating a diverse and unique dining culture in the District of Columbia,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B understands that the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs recently adopted “pilot” regulations limiting food truck operators to one application per month,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B is concerned that Advisory Neighborhood Commissions were not granted a period to weigh in on the proposed changes,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B is concerned that the proposed changes will negatively impact the food truck industry and lead to fewer mobile vending options within the District of Columbia, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B has previously expressed concerns about Advisory Neighborhood Commissions not being granted great weight regarding food truck regulations (see attached ANC resolutions from 2012 and 2013).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B urges the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs to stop implementation of these new regulations until Advisory Neighborhood Commissions and food truck operators can weigh in on the process.

Commissioners Randy Downs (2B05@anc.dc.gov) and Daniel Warwick (2B02@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

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Daniel Warwick
Chair

Attachment A

**ANC 2B Resolution Regarding Food
Trucks from February 2012**



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

February 20, 2012

Nicholas A. Majett, Director
Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs
1100 4th Street SW
Washington, DC 20024
dcra@dc.gov

Re: Mobile Food Vendor Regulations

Dear Mr. Majett:

At its regular meeting on February 8, 2012, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the DCRA’s new draft of vending regulations, in particular draft regulations related to mobile food vendors. As you know, Farragut Square is one of the hottest spots for food trucks in the city, and the square lies within our ANC. Therefore, we have particular interest in this issue and should be accorded great weight by the agency.

With seven of the nine Commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (7-0). Most importantly, as noted below, we ask that you please allow additional comments until after our March 14, 2012 public ANC meeting.

Whereas, The District of Columbia Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) has issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking concerning vending regulations 24 DCMR 5, which would specifically impact Mobile Food Vendors (Food Trucks);

Whereas, the lack of consistent, effective regulations has previously had a negative impact on Food Trucks and has resulted in disagreements and confusion over the enforcement of Food Trucks;

Whereas, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B (ANC 2B) believes that Food Trucks deserve to operate on a level playing field with clearly defined regulations;

Whereas, Food Trucks have served as incubators for small business, helping some business to earn the money to open “brick and mortar” businesses such as District Taco, Sauca and Sabor’a;

Whereas, several of the District of Columbia’s premier Chef’s such as Jose Andres and Spike Mendelsohn have embraced and opened Food Trucks;

Whereas, ANC 2B believes that Food Trucks contribute positively to creating a diverse and unique dining culture in the District of Columbia;

Therefore, be it resolved that, ANC 2B supports the regulation of the mobile vending industry;

Be it further resolved, that ANC2B request that DCRA mandate ANC approval for the establishment of any future proposed Vending Zone in the District of Columbia;

Be it further resolved that ANC 2B requests additional time to weigh in to DCRA with our comments after our March 14, 2012 public meeting.

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

Thank you for providing additional time for public comment, so that our neighborhood can weigh in on this important issue.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

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Will Stephens, Chair

Attachment B

**ANC 2B Resolution Regarding Food
Trucks from May 2013**



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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