

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & JOBS
MOTION


On September 17, 2018, former Governor Jerry Brown signed Senate Bill 946, which ended the criminalization of sidewalk vending in California and allows local authorities to adopt non-criminal laws to protect public health, safety and welfare. On January 1, 2020, the City established the Sidewalk and Parks Vending Program, which permits the sale of food and merchandise, subject to the rules and regulations established by the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Street Services and the Department of Recreation and Parks.

In order for food vendors to obtain a permit, the City requires business owners to first secure a health permit from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. Requiring a health permit minimizes the risk of contamination by ensuring that all food service establishments are subject to period inspections and meet minimum health and sanitation standards. In the Program Year 47 (2021-22) Consolidated Plan, the City allocated \$500,000 to support street vendors in purchasing compliant food carts to assist in securing a health permit.

Sidewalk food vending provides individuals the ability to start a small business and to earn income for themselves and their families. As the lead department for this program, the Economic and Workforce Development Department should initiate the Request for Proposals process to implement the Sidewalk Vending Cart program and report to Council with the proposed contractor to lead the effort.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council direct the Economic and Workforce Development Department to issue a Request for Proposals to implement the Sidewalk Vending Cart program and report to Council with the proposed contractor to lead the effort.

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