

## **DC BID Council Summary of vending regulations proposed Oct 2012**

On October 5, 2012, DCRA released Proposed Vending Regulations as changes to DCMR Title 24, Chapter 5. We recognize that in this third iteration of the proposed vending regulations, DCRA has tried to take into account stakeholders' comments provided on the first and second versions.

The DC BID Council has reviewed the proposed regulations and has the following comments:

1. We support the proposed restrictions on operating food trucks next to driveways, crosswalks, alleys and adjacent to narrow sidewalks. In the comments (dated February 17, 2012) that we provided on the previous proposed regulations, the BID Council had raised concerns about the safety of food truck patrons and other public space users, especially on crowded sidewalks and near driveways and crosswalks.
2. The proposed regulations create new class of mobile vending, services and merchandise, Class B licenses. We feel that the city should not be creating additional vending classes until DDOT and DCRA have worked out the details for food trucks and tested the new regulations to see how they work. We recommend eliminating this class until then.
3. We support designated spots for food trucks, especially in the high demand areas. Over-concentration of food trucks can create trash and parking problems, as well as make sidewalk passage difficult if multiple trucks have long lines.
4. We are concerned about the lack of details in the process for Mobile Vending Zones. Who will decide which vendors get to use which locations? How will disputes be settled? Before the sidewalk vendors were given fixed locations for vending, there were disputes, sometimes violent, over the most desirable locations. We are concerned that the same thing could happen for the Mobile Vending Zones.

Thank you for considering our comments. Questions should be addressed to [abainstow@dcbidcouncil.org](mailto:abainstow@dcbidcouncil.org), 202-441-9576.