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Why propose regulations if you have no intention of enforcing them? I read an article on *The Washington Post* that stated:

"Only the Metro Center and L Street NW locations fit the current criteria, notes Che Ruddell-Tabisola, executive director of the association and co-owner of the BBQ Bus. At an October meeting at the District Department of Transportation offices, however, two officials told the gathered food truck owners that DDOT has no intention of prohibiting street vendors from working such popular sites as Farragut Square, Franklin Square and Union Station."

This is ridiculous. Explicitly include the exception in your proposed regulations or don't propose the regulations. Once a regulation has been adopted, other factors change and your lenient attitude now towards enforcement may not be shared by future officials. You should not deprive the people who work and live in DC of such a wonderful business. The food truck business is thriving and DC should support it. If brick and mortar restaurants are scared of the competition, then they will need to improve their product. The Department of Transportation should not insert itself in matters of market demand like this one.

Please significantly revise or withdraw the proposed food truck regulations.

Thank you,

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