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**COMMENTS OF THE ADAMS MORGAN PARTNERSHIP
BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (AMPBID) IN
REGARDS TO THE VENDING REGULATIONS ISSUED ON
OCTOBER 5, 2012**

WHEREAS, Food trucks are becoming a vibrant contributor to the food scene in Washington, DC.

WHEREAS, food trucks need to become a part of the business community in a responsible and fair way.

WHEREAS, on October 5, 2012, DCRA released the Third Proposed Vending Regulations as changes to DCMR Title 24, Chapter 5.

WHEREAS, 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 we still have some concerns.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the AMPBID Board of Directors has reviewed the proposed regulations and has the following comments:

1. We support the proposed restrictions to operating food trucks next to driveways, crosswalks, alleys and adjacent to narrow sidewalks. In our previous comments (dated February 9, 2012) that we provided on the previous proposed regulations, we 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.

Passed at AMPBID Board meeting on November 8, 2012.

Vote was 10 in favor 0 against.



Adam Crain, Secretary of the Board