



Legislation Text

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This ordinance suspends the application of Section 2151.16 of the Columbus City Codes, 1959, as applied to Mobile Food Vendors in order to allow for the implementation of a Mobile Food Vending Pilot Program. This code provision currently prohibits individuals from engaging in commercial sales for more than 15 minutes in the street. This program will allow licensed mobile food vendors to legally sell from designated oversized parking metered spots which will be available on a first come first served basis. It also allows ~~The~~ the Director of Public Service to install Mobile Food Vending Permitted signs at appropriate spots without publishing requirements set forth in Sections 121.05 and 2015.04 of the Columbus City Codes, 1959, during this pilot program.

To suspend application of Section 2151.16 of the Columbus City Traffic Codes ~~Parking Violations Code~~ as applied to Mobile Food Vendors of ~~the Columbus City Code~~; to authorize the Director of Public Safety to create and implement the Mobile Food Vending Pilot Program; to suspend the notice and filing requirements contained in sections 121.05 and 2015.04 of the Columbus City Codes to enable the Director of Public Service to immediately post signs to designate Mobile Food Vending permitted parking. **(AMENDED BY ORD. 1537-2013 PASSED 6/17/2013)**

WHEREAS, Mobile Food Vending is a growing local industry; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive new code section is being developed to regulate Mobile Food Vendors; and

WHEREAS, undertaking a Mobile Food Vending Pilot Program will enable the City to receive constructive feedback from stakeholders, city staff, and local businesses in an effort to put forward the most reasonable and responsible Mobile Food Vending laws; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds that it is in the best interest of the City to suspend the application of Section 2151.16 of the Columbus City Codes, 1959, as applied to Mobile Food Vendors in order to allow for the implementation of a Mobile Food Vending Pilot Program; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds that it is in the best interest of the City to suspend application of sections 121.05 and 2015.04 as applied to Mobile Food Vending Permitted signs; now, therefore

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the prohibitions contained in Section 2151.16 of the Columbus City Codes, 1959, shall be suspended and shall not apply to licensed mobile food vendors for a limited duration as set forth in this ordinance. For purposes of this ordinance, "mobile food vendor" shall mean a food establishment that is located upon a vehicle, or which is pulled by a vehicle, where food or beverage is cooked, prepared and/or served for individual portion service, such as a mobile food kitchen.

SECTION 2. That ~~the director~~ Director of Public Safety is hereby authorized and directed to create and implement a Mobile Food Vending Pilot Program which shall include provisions for the temporary licensing of said vendors. A mobile food vendor that violates any licensing provision established by the Director of Public Safety pursuant to this ordinance may be subject to enforcement proceedings as set forth in Chapter 501 of the Columbus City Codes, 1959 and possible removal from the pilot program at the discretion of the ~~director~~ Director.

SECTION 3. That all mobile food vendors that participate in the Mobile Food Vending Pilot Program shall be prohibited from engaging in any commercial sales between the hours of 3am and 6am. A mobile food vendor that violates this requirement may be subject to enforcement proceedings as set forth in Chapter 501 of the Columbus City Codes, 1959 and possible removal from the pilot program at the discretion of the ~~director~~ Director of Public Safety.

SECTION 4. That all mobile food vendors that participate in the Mobile Food Vending Pilot Program are limited to selling from designated parking spots marked with signs reading “Mobile Food Vending Permitted ~~3am-6pm~~ 6am-3am”, paying any applicable meter fees, and following all other applicable parking codes. A mobile food vendor that violates this requirement may be subject to enforcement proceedings as set forth in Chapter 501 of the Columbus City Codes, 1959 and possible removal from the pilot program at the discretion of the ~~director~~ Director of Public Safety.

SECTION 5. That the notice and filing requirements contained in sections 121.05 and 2015.04 of the Columbus City Codes are suspended for a limited duration as set forth in this ordinance to enable the ~~director~~ Director of Public Service to immediately post signs designating “Mobile Food Vending Permitted~~3am-6pm~~ 6am-3am”.

SECTION 6. That the suspension of Section 2151.16, 121.05, and 2015.04 as applied to Mobile Food Vendors provided for in this ordinance shall remain in effect until January 1, 2014.

SECTION 7. That the ~~director~~ Director of ~~the department~~ of Public Safety shall provide written notice to all city agencies that Section 2151.16 as applied to Mobile Food Vendors has been suspended as provided for in this ordinance.

SECTION 8. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period provided by law.