

AN ACT

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To authorize, on a temporary basis, the Mayor to regulate vending in the District of Columbia, to require vendors to vend only from designated locations, to authorize development areas within which alternative forms of regulation of vending may be tested, to authorize the Mayor to charge fees for licenses and other authorizations to vend from public space, to authorize the imposition of civil fines for the violation of this act or rules promulgated pursuant to this act, and to authorize the regulation of public markets; and to amend An act to authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to make police regulations for the government of said District, the Fiscal Year 1997 Budget Support Act of 1996, Title 47 of the District of Columbia Official Code, and An Act Relating to the adulteration of feed and drugs in the District of Columbia, to make conforming amendments.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Vending Regulation Temporary Act of 2008”.

Sec. 2. Definitions.

For the purposes of this act, the term:

- (1) “Vending location” means the specific locations on sidewalks, roadways, and other public space from which a person may vend.
- (2) “Vending site permit” means a permit or other authorization to vend from a vending location.

Sec. 3. Vending from public space.

(a) Except as set forth in subsection (b) of this section, a person shall not vend from a sidewalk, roadway, or other public space in the District of Columbia unless the person holds:

- (1) A basic business license properly endorsed for sidewalk or roadway vending;
- (2) A vending site permit; and
- (3) Such other licenses, permits, and authorizations as the Mayor may require by rule.

(b) The Mayor may authorize the following persons to vend from public space without a basic business license or vending site permit:

- (1) An employee or youth assistant of a licensed vendor;
- (2) A person vending at a licensed special event; and
- (3) A person vending from a public market holding a valid permit issued by the

Mayor.

#### Sec. 4. Vending locations and assignment.

(a) The Mayor shall designate vending locations; provided, that no vending locations shall be established in Ward 2 of the District of Columbia other than those previously authorized under the District of Columbia Department of Transportation and Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs Vending Consolidation of Public Space and Licensing Authorities Temporary Act of 2006, effective March 8, 2007 (D.C. Law 16-252; 54 DCR 631), who are vending in a location that is in compliance with Chapter 5 of Title 24 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations, except as may be established through a vending development zone authorized under section 5; provided further, that no more than 350 vending locations shall be permitted in any single Ward of the District of Columbia.

(b) A person shall not vend from a location other than a vending location unless the person is vending at a special event or public market holding a valid license or permit issued by the Mayor.

(c) A person shall not vend from a vending location without first obtaining a vending site permit from the Mayor.

(d)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, vending locations shall be assigned by lottery, unless:

(A) The Mayor establishes an alternate means of assignment by rule; or

(B) The vending location is located in a vending development zone, in which case the vending location may be assigned by lottery or such other means as may be established for the vending development zone pursuant to section 5.

(2) Vendors who received vending site permits for a vending location pursuant to the District of Columbia Department of Transportation and Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs Vending Consolidation of Public Space and Licensing Authorities Temporary Act of 2006, effective March 8, 2007 (D.C. Law 16-252; 54 DCR 631), who are vending in a location that is in compliance with Chapter 5 of Title 24 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations, shall have first right of preference for the issuance of a vending site permit for the same vending location.

#### Sec. 5. Vending development zones.

The Mayor may establish vending development zones, upon application and after public hearing, in which the Mayor may waive the regulatory provisions, such as the design standards, the standards for designation of vending locations, and the procedure for assigning vending

locations, otherwise applicable to vendors; provided, that the Mayor shall establish, by rule, a procedure for reviewing applications for the establishment of a vending development zone.

Sec. 6. Capitol Riverfront Vending Development Zone.

(a) Notwithstanding section 5, but subject to subsection (f) of this section, there is established the Capitol Riverfront Vending Development Zone (“CRVDZ”).

(b) The boundaries of the CRVDZ shall be the same as the boundaries for the Capitol Riverfront BID, established by section 208 of the Business Improvement Districts Act of 1996, effective October 18, 2007 (D.C. Law 17-27; D.C. Official Code § 2-1215.58).

(c) The Mayor shall issue no fewer than 40 vendor locations, with preference to the vendors who are legally licensed to vend at Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium, within 21 days of the effective date of the Expanding Opportunities for Vending Around the Baseball Stadium Emergency Amendment Act of 2008, passed on emergency basis on April 1, 2008 (Enrolled version of Bill 17-690), and shall designate and assign vending locations within the CRVDZ.

(d) Vending locations assigned within the CRVDZ shall be assigned by lottery.

(e) Except as provided in this section, the Mayor may waive the regulatory provisions otherwise applicable to vendors, such as design standards, siting standards, and the types of permitted vending.

(f) The CRVDZ, and any licenses or permits issued therefor, shall expire if any new development zone is hereafter established with the boundaries of the CRVDZ pursuant to section 5.

(g) Pursuant to Title 1 of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act, approved October 21, 1968 (82 Stat. 1204; D.C. Official Code § 2-501 *et seq.*), the Mayor may issue rules to implement this section; provided, that the Mayor may also issue emergency rules to implement this section.

Sec. 7. Public markets.

The Mayor may require the permitting of public markets on public space and may require the licensing of managers of public markets on public space and private space.

Sec. 8. Fees and funding.

(a) The Mayor may establish fees, by rule, for the application for, and issuance of, each license, permit, and authorization required under this act or the rules promulgated pursuant to this act. The Mayor may differentiate the fees based on the class of license, vending location, and other relevant factors.

(b)(1) There is established as a nonlapsing fund within the General Fund of the District of Columbia the Vending Regulation Fund (“Fund”), which shall be used solely for the purposes set forth in this section.

(2) Deposits into the Fund shall include:

(A) Fees paid for the application for, and issuance or renewal of, a vending permit;

(B) Fees paid for the application for, and issuance or renewal of, the permit or other authorization issued by the Mayor setting forth the specific location on public space from which a person may vend;

(C) Funds authorized by an act of Congress, reprogramming, or intra-District transfer to be deposited into the Fund;

(D) Any other funds designated by law or rule to be deposited into the Fund; and

(E) Interest on funds deposited in the Fund.

(3) All funds deposited into the Fund shall not revert to the unrestricted fund balance of the General Fund of the District of Columbia at the end of a fiscal year, or at any other time, but shall be continually available for the uses and purposes set forth in paragraph (4) of this subsection, subject to authorization by Congress.

(4) Funds in the Fund may be used to pay the costs of administering this act, including costs associated with the issuance of licenses and permits described in paragraph (2)(A) and (B) of this subsection and the administration and enforcement of any rules promulgated under this act.

#### Sec. 9. Penalties.

The Mayor may establish civil penalties for the violation of this act and rules promulgated pursuant to this act, including the establishment of civil penalties pursuant to the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs Civil Infractions Act of 1985, effective October 5, 1985 (D.C. Law 6-42; D.C. Official Code § 2-1801.01 *et seq.*).

#### Sec. 10. Rules.

The Mayor, pursuant to Title 1 of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act, approved October 21, 1968 (82 Stat. 1204; D.C. Official Code § 2-501 *et seq.*), may issue rules to implement this act, including rules regulating the design and maintenance of vendor carts, stands, vehicles, and other equipment and rules requiring that persons vending from public space maintain insurance in such form and amount as may be required by the Mayor. The proposed rules shall be submitted to the Council for a 60-day period of review, excluding weekends, holidays, and days of Council recess; provided, that rules regarding fees shall be submitted separately. If the Council does not approve or disapprove the proposed rules, by resolution, within the 60-day review period, the proposed rules shall be deemed disapproved.

#### Sec. 11. Conforming amendments.

(a) The third paragraph of section 1 of An act to authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to make police regulations for the government of said District, approved January 26, 1887 (24 Stat. 368; D.C. Official Code § 1-303.01(3)), is repealed.

Note,  
§ 1-303.01

(b) Section 602(2) of the Fiscal Year 1997 Budget Support Act of 1996, effective April 9, 1997 (D.C. Law 11-198; D.C. Official Code § 10-1141.02(2)), is amended by striking the phrase “pursuant to paragraph 36 of section 7 of An Act making appropriations for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and three and for other purposes, approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stat. 627; D.C. Code § 47-2834)” and inserting the phrase “issued by the Mayor pursuant to the Vending Regulation Temporary Act of 2008, passed on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading on April 1, 2008 (Enrolled version of Bill 17-653)” in its place.

Note,  
§ 10-1141.02

(c) Title 47 of the District of Columbia Official Code is amended as follows:

(1) Section 47-2002.01 is amended as follows:

Note,  
§ 47-2002.01

(A) Subsection (a) is amended to read as follows:

“(a) For the purposes of this section, the term “street vendor” means a person licensed to vend from a sidewalk, roadway, or other public space under the Vending Regulation Temporary Act of 2008, passed on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading on April 1, 2008 (Enrolled version of Bill 17-653).”.

(B) Subsection (b) is amended as follows:

(i) Paragraph (2) is amended by striking the phrase “Class A license, Class B license, Class C nonfood license, Class C food license, or any combination of these licenses” and inserting the phrase “license authorizing the vending of merchandise, food, or services from public space or from door to door, including a temporary license,” in its place.

(ii) Paragraph (4) is repealed.

Note,  
§ 47-2020  
Note,  
§ 47-2834

(2) Sections 47-2020(d) and 47-2834 are repealed.

(3) The table of contents for Chapter 28 is amended by striking the phrase “47-2834. Sales on streets or public places.” and inserting the phrase “47-2834. Repealed.” in its place.

(d) Section 2(5)(A)(iii) of An Act Relating to the adulteration of foods and drugs in the District of Columbia, approved February 17, 1898 (30 Stat. 246; D.C. Official Code § 48-102(5)(A)(iii)), is amended by striking the phrase “unless the vending locations are authorized by the Council pursuant to An act to authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to make police regulations for the government of said District, approved January 26, 1887 (24 Stat. 368; D.C. Official Code § 1-303.01)” and inserting the phrase “unless the vending locations are licensed by the Mayor pursuant to the Vending Regulation Temporary Act of 2008, passed on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading on April 1, 2008 (Enrolled version of Bill 17-653)” in its place.

Note,  
§ 48-102

## Sec. 12. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Chief Financial Officer as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

## Sec. 13. Effective date.

(a) This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto

by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

(b) This act shall expire after 225 days of its having taken effect.

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Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia

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Mayor  
District of Columbia