

**MOTION**


Street vending contributes to the culinary vibrancy of the City of Los Angeles, and provides many budding restaurateurs with the first stepping stone in working towards a brick and mortar business. After years of debate, the Council adopted rules and regulations to legalize sidewalk vending in the City of Los Angeles. Subsequent to the adoption of the ordinance, the City and its partners engaged in educational outreach to inform vendors of the newly adopted framework. Just a few months before the onset of the COVID-19 global pandemic, the City's Business Source Centers had begun assisting street vending permit applicants through the processes necessary to obtain the required City and County permissions to vend.

Even prior to the pandemic however, food vendors in particular had reported difficulties in obtaining the tools and permits required by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health—i.e. obtaining a compliant cart, plan check approval, County Health Permit. Like all small businesses, vendors have experienced a devastating loss of income as our communities grappled with COVID-19 and the Stay at Home orders necessary to protect public health and safety. As we move towards economic recovery, vendors are now facing steeper challenges in financing the up-front expenses necessary to vend in compliance. It is important for our collective economic recovery strategy to include resources to assist street vendors in achieving compliance to reopen their businesses.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the City Council establish a new emergency fund, the "COVID-19 Street Vending Recovery Fund," and allocate to it \$5 million from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) funding for the purpose of helping vendors finance the equipment and permits required to comply with City and County vending rules and regulations.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the Economic Workforce Development Department, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer and the Chief Legislative Analyst, in consultation with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, be directed to report to Council with recommendations for the types of financial assistance tools the Recovery Fund should finance, and the framework for operationalizing the Recovery Fund.

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