



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
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REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE
Meeting as a Committee of the Whole

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Rebekah Gewirtz	Chair	Present	
John M Connolly	Vice Chair	Present	
Bruce M. Desmond	Alderman At Large	Present	
William A. White Jr.	Alderman At Large	Present	
Thomas F. Taylor	Ward Three Alderman	Present	
William M. Roche	Ward One Alderman	Absent	
Maryann M. Heuston	Ward Two Alderman	Present	
Tony Lafuente	Ward Four Alderman	Present	
Sean T. O'Donovan	Ward Five Alderman	Present	
Robert C. Trane	Ward Seven Alderman	Absent	
Dennis M. Sullivan	Alderman At Large	Present	
Dave Shapiro	Asst. City Solicitor	Present	
Doug Kress		Present	
Eddie Nuzzo	Supt., ISD	Present	
Stephen Mackey	Exec. Director, Chamber of Commerce	Present	

192528 - That the City Solicitor immediately draft a City Ordinance for the licensing of food trucks.:

RESULT:

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193341 - That this Board requests that the Administration submit a list of proposed pre-approved locations for vendor operations to this Board for approval.:

RESULT:

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193397 - Assistant City Solicitor responding to #192528 re: the Mobile Food Vendor Ordinance.:

Mr. Shapiro reviewed the proposed Mobile Food Vendor Ordinance with the committee and noted the changes made since the last meeting on this subject. The committee discussed each section of the proposal and requested that the following changes be made:

8-305 Mobile Food Vendor License Required

- Add language - vendor's license must be visibly displayed during at all times during operation

8-306 Application for a Mobile Food Vendor License

- Add language - if vendor's license is revoked by the state, the vendor must notify the City within 14 days or face sanctions for violating the City's ordinance

8-308 Renewal

- Change language - from "Every mobile food vendor license shall be renewed..." to "Every mobile food vendor license may be renewed..."

8-309 Criteria for Issuance of License

- Add language - Board of Aldermen has the authority to approve or deny licenses
- Change language - in the last sentence, replace the word "location" with "approved street placement"

8-310 Conditions of Operation

- Add language - vendors are encouraged to use composite utensils

8-311 Transfers

- Change language in section (b) to include transfers

8-312 Enforcement

- Add language to include police as the enforcing authority

8-313 Additional Conditions and Restrictions

- Add language requiring that a copy of the lease, from the landlord, be provided and submitted with the license application for vendor's operating on private property
- Add language listing all fees associated with new and renewed applications

Mr. Shapiro will make the changes and present them to the committee when completed.

RESULT:

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