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# CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND AND TEN



## ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING MOBILE RESTAURANTS INDUSTRY LICENSING AND REGULATIONS

- WHEREAS* The food service industry may be the world's most widespread industry, include restaurants establishments such as formal dining and mobile restaurants; and,
- WHEREAS* According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the food services and drinking places industry ranks among the Nation's leading employers with nearly 10 million wage and salary jobs; and,
- WHEREAS* Recently, gourmet mobile restaurants have become extremely popular and profitable in urban settings such as Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Seattle, Miami, Austin, Portland and Washington D.C. to name a few; and,
- WHEREAS* The mobile restaurants industry has the unique potential to create new employment opportunities, small business growth and support for existing small businesses, and favorable conditions for culinary entrepreneurs in Boston and its neighborhoods; and,
- WHEREAS* According to the National Restaurant Association, there is an increasing demand, particularly among people 18 to 44, for freshly prepared, restaurant-quality food that can be had quick and cheap; and,
- WHEREAS* We have the opportunity in Boston to regulate and grow this emerging market wisely, with attention to sustainability and environmentally friendly policies; and
- WHEREAS*, Vendors in the mobile food industry have faced complex licensing and zoning regulations in other communities, it is important to investigate the licensing, permitting and enforcement of such businesses, including the possibility of issuing medallions for such ventures; *NOW THEREFORE BE IT*
- RESOLVED*, That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss and examine the regulations and permitting and licensing process for mobile food vendors in Boston.

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