



BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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TO: The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Room 400 City Hall
Attn. Karen Randle

FROM: James H. Green, ^{JHG} Director Government Affairs
Baltimore Police Department

RE: City Council Bill 14-0305-Mobile and Other Street Vendors-Licensing
and Regulation

The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) has reviewed City Council Bill 14-0305-Mobile and Other Street Vendors-Licensing and Regulation and supports its adoption. The bill proposes among other things to restructure and transfer the authority over Street Vendors to the Department of General Services, establish a Street Vendor Advisory Board, provide for licensing and regulation, designate zones of operation, and create an enforcement mechanism.

In 2011, Baltimore launched a pilot program for the designation of “food trucks” in the downtown area. These food outlets have become very popular in Baltimore and have also had tremendous success in other large cities. Baltimore’s pilot has provided the foundation for the proposed legislation. The BPD is pleased to be a member of the Street Vendors Advisory Board and is willing to work with the collective efforts of the City and each of the partner agencies to make this an overall success.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this legislation.

cc: Angela Gibson, Mayor’s Legislative Liaison