

Licensing and Standards Committee - LS27.1 New Opportunities for Toronto's Street Food Vendors - March 18, 2014

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Brian de Lange: As a CPM (Certified Property Manager) managing a portfolio of commercial downtown properties, I enthusiastically support the restrictive covenants for Food Trucks and Street Vendors prohibiting their operation within 50 meters of established restaurants as I believe that this increased competition is unfair when you compare the costs involved for our restaurant and food providers within our commercial building portfolio. Some of our food establishments pay as much as \$18-25,000 per month in gross rents & taxes even before they pay their employees' salaries and purchase food.

Not only are the food trucks and street vendors a competitive detriment; but they also cause the exhaust of a bad grease odor with grease on the streets, sidewalk and sewers, major litter problems around our buildings while their customers sit on our front stairs blocking the sidewalks and causing disturbances by the entrances for our tenants, clients, customers and guests; whilst also removing and limiting legitimate parking for those wishing to shop in or visit our buildings. I am speaking about the problems with which we experienced and confronted in the past wherein we fortunately had these trucks and food carts removed. We do not want a repeat of these problems ever again.

There is a big difference between dealing with professional restaurateurs and food service executives versus "street meat" ill-mannered low-lives. I am not being prejudiced, superior or condescending here, just factual. We don't want the problems that we have experienced which seem to be inherent with these types of vendors. Please restrict their locations as much as possible. Let legitimate rent and tax paying businessmen make an unencumbered living. Thank you.

Yours truly,

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