New Opportunities for Toronto's Street Food Vendors - March 18, 2014

Recommendations

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That City Council lift the moratorium on R53 Sidewalk Vending Permits for all food vendors in wards 20, 27 and 28. That in these wards the City allow up to 20 new vendor permits to be issued for the 2014 season.

Chapter 740, Street Vending - Article II and Article III

That City Council direct the Director, Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards to create a process with clear and reasonable grounds for denial of permits for food carts and mobile vendors zones such as sanitary, cleanliness or mobility issues that can be studied by staff and reported to the applicant and objector, with opportunity for dialogue, amendments and final appeals to community council.

Summary

That food vending by food carts downtown creates new equitable opportunities for small businesses, and will bring more diverse food for tourists, workers and residents.

That single objections should not be grounds for the immediate refusal of a street food cart or food truck application.