

From: [Raz Samim](#)
To: [Economic and Community Development](#)
Subject: [External Sender] My comments for 2026.EC27.2 on April 9, 2026 Economic and Community Development Committee
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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the April 9, 2026 Economic and Community Development Committee meeting on item 2026.EC27.2, Review of Toronto's Street Vending and Artists By-laws

I understand that my comments and the personal information in this email will form part of the public record and that my name will be listed as a correspondent on agendas and minutes of City Council or its committees. Also, I understand that agendas and minutes are posted online and my name may be indexed by search engines like Google.

Comments:

Economic and Community Development Committee, City of Toronto

From: Raz Mohammad, Owner of Gurbaz Fruits and Vegetables Inc.

Dear Chair and Committee Members,

I am writing to share my support for the modernization of the Street Vending By-laws, while also sharing a deep concern from my experience as a local produce vendor at Don Mills and Gateway Blvd.

Currently, I hold a Hawker/Pedlar License, but like many others, I have faced significant challenges because the City has not made it clear how to obtain a Permit to operate on public property. This confusion has led to enforcement issues and court summonses, despite my best efforts to follow all rules.

I respectfully ask the Committee to ensure that the new rules make it simple and accessible for existing license holders to obtain a Street Vending Permit for the following reasons:

- **Community Support:** I have collected over 1,000 signatures from local residents who support my business. They value our high-quality, affordable produce, which saves them time and money.
- **Accessibility:** Many of my customers are elderly or do not drive. We serve a "food desert" where people cannot easily walk to large, expensive grocery stores.
- **Public Property is Essential:** In my area, there is no private property available for lease. Without the ability to use public curb-lane space, my business and the service I provide to the community will disappear.
- **Responsible Operation:** We take pride in keeping our location clean, quiet, and respectful of the neighborhood.

I am encouraged by the proposal to increase mobile vending limits to 12 hours and to lift the downtown moratorium. However, I ask that you please ensure a clear and fair transition for current Hawker/Pedlar license holders so we can finally secure the proper permits to serve our communities legally and without fear of constant ticketing.

Thank you for your time and for supporting small, local businesses like Gurbaz Fruits and Vegetables Inc.

Sincerely,

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To the Committee Clerk,

Please include this letter in the official record for the Economic and Community Development Committee meeting on April 9, 2026, regarding Item EC27.2.

I am the owner of Gurbaz Fruits and Vegetables Inc., a mobile vendor serving the Don Mills area. I am writing to express my support for the recommendations to modernize Chapter 740 and 545, specifically the increase to 12-hour operating limits and the reduction of fees.

However, I wish to register my concern regarding the transition from the "Hawker and Pedlar" license to the new permit system. Currently, my business faces legal challenges because of the lack of available permits for public property, despite overwhelming community support (over 1,000 signatures) and a clean operating history.

I request that the Committee:

1. Ensure a transparent process for current license holders to obtain the new Mobile Food Vending Permits.
2. Recognize the essential service that mobile produce vendors provide to seniors and low-income residents in suburban areas.

Thank you for your consideration of this submission.

Regards,

Raz Mohammad

Gurbaz Fruits and Vegetables Inc.

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