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THE CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007

December 31, 2025

Hon. Michael McSweeney
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
141 Worth Street
New York, NY 10013

Re: Disapproval of Introductory No. 408-A

Dear Mr. McSweeney:

Pursuant to Section 37 of the New York City Charter, I hereby disapprove Introductory No. 408-A, which would amend the Charter “in relation to creating a division within the department of small business services to assist street vendors and reporting regarding such assistance efforts.” I am also separately disapproving Introductory No. 431-B, which would amend the Charter and the Administrative Code of the City of New York “in relation to expanding business licensing and regulatory compliance of all mobile food and general vendors” and Introductory No. 1251-A, which would amend the Administrative Code “in relation to issuing licenses to mobile food and general vendors.”

Int. No. 408-A exacerbates the issues it seeks to resolve—it would provide no new benefits to vendors or other New Yorkers, but create a new level of bureaucracy within City government. The legislation would require the City to create a Division of Street Vendor Assistance within the Department of Small Business Services (SBS) to educate street vendors and submit annual reports to the City Council. But SBS already conducts educational outreach to vendors; offers free help to start, operate, and grow businesses via their Business Solutions Centers; and earlier this month, launched a challenge-based procurement to create a pilot program to improve street vendor education and engagement. Instead of allowing SBS to grow its current work, this legislation diverts the agency’s limited time and resources away from its programming to create unnecessary bureaucracy.

Accordingly, I hereby disapprove Introductory No. 408-A.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Adams".

Eric Adams
Mayor

Cc: Hon. Adrienne Adams, Speaker

Proposed Int. No. 408-A

By the Public Advocate (Mr. Williams) and Council Members Louis, Sanchez, Hanif, Menin, Won, Marte, Farias, De La Rosa, Krishnan, Ayala, Ossé, Cabán, Nurse, Restler, Gutiérrez, Avilés, Hudson, Feliz, Abreu, Brannan, Banks, Brewer, Joseph, Williams, Salaam and Narcisse

A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to creating a division within the department of small business services to assist street vendors and reporting regarding such assistance efforts

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

1 Section 1. Chapter 56 of the New York city charter is amended by adding a new section
2 1309.1 to read as follows:

3 § 1309.1. Division of street vendor services. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section,
4 the following terms have the following meanings:

5 Department. The term “department” means the department of small business services.

6 Food vendor. The term “food vendor” has the same meaning as set forth in section 17-306
7 of the administrative code.

8 General vendor. The term “general vendor” has the same meaning as set forth in section
9 20-452 of the administrative code.

10 Street vendor. The term “street vendor” means general vendor and food vendor.

11 b. Responsibilities of the division. 1. There shall be a division of street vendor services
12 within the department. Such division shall:

13 (a) Serve as a clearinghouse for the provision of services and resources for entrepreneurs
14 interested in street vending opportunities;

15 (b) Publish on the department’s website a list of such services and resources that street
16 vendors may utilize;

17 (c) Connect street vendors to the department’s programs;

(d) Offer business education and conduct outreach in the designated citywide languages, as such term is defined in section 23-1101, to street vendors on entrepreneurship and compliance with all applicable local laws, rules, and regulations, including but not limited to such laws, rules, and regulations concerning legal vending locations and time, place, and manner restrictions applicable to vending; and

(e) Adjust department programs to facilitate access for street vendors.

2. The education offered pursuant to subparagraph (d) of paragraph 1 of this subdivision

8 shall be directed toward vendors in areas with a high density of street vendors and toward vendors
9 in any areas identified by the office of street vendor enforcement as featuring a high level of
10 complaints about street vendor activity.

11 c. Reporting. No later than 180 days after the effective date of the local law that added this
12 section and annually thereafter, the commissioner shall submit to the speaker of the council and to
13 the mayor, and the commissioner shall publish on the department's website, a report on (i) the
14 number of food vendors and general vendors to which the division of street vendor services
15 provided assistance during the previous year, and (ii) the types of assistance provided to food
16 vendors and general vendors by such division during the previous year, disaggregated by
17 percentage.

18 § 2. This local law takes effect 180 days after it becomes law.

I hereby certify that the above bill was passed by the Council of the City of
New York on Thursday, December 18, 2025, receiving the following votes:

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Affirmative..... 47
Negative..... 1
Abstentions..... 0

Michael M. McSweeney, City Clerk, Clerk of the Council.

DISAPPROVED

ON THE 31st DAY OF Dec 2025
John Doe John Doe MAYOR