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While the federal government, as well as State and local jurisdictions took measures to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the most vulnerable communities, many who did not receive any type of financial assistance, continue to recover from the devastating economic and health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Among the most vulnerable communities severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic are sidewalk vendors who were not only largely left out of any type of federal coronavirus direct stimulus payments but have also experienced an increase in targeted physical attacks.


Sidewalk vendors have turned their vulnerability into strength. Irrespective of the working conditions, the potential danger of working on the street, their ability to sell, the harassment they endure, still know that it is only option they have as a means to put food on the table to feed their families.


Given that there are still many challenges for vendors to obtain the appropriate documentation to continue their vending activities, the City is in a position to assist by extending the reduced cost of the vending operating permit as the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic begin to settle.

On September 8, 2020, the City Council approved an amendment to the Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 42.13.B.2 to extend the reduced cost (\$291) of the sidewalk vending operating permit until July 1, 2021 (C.F. 13-1493). It is imperative that this action be further extended through July 1, 2022 to continue to assist sidewalk vendors.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to prepare an ordinance to amend Section 42.13.B2 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to extend the reduced cost (\$291) of the sidewalk vending operating permit until July 1, 2022.

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