

For August 2017

STAFF REPORT TO VENDING OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (VOC)

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MALL/CONCOURSE FOOD VENDOR STATUS

Licenses Issued in 2017: 39

Licenses are continuing to come in and I am following up on some of the more complex licenses. There continues to be issues with the platform we are using to license. I am working regularly with IT to address these challenges on both my end and on the vendors end.

Umbrella Licenses Issued in 2017: 5

Saturday Food Court: Our street use permit ended the last week of July. Vendors have been moved back to their regular locations toward the end of July. Many vendors and customers continue to ask if this can be done again next year.

Enforcement: There is nothing to report in this category.

Warning: 1 final warning

Observation: There is nothing to report in this category.

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SIDEWALK CAFÉ STATUS

Licenses Issued in 2017: 58

Licenses for sidewalk cafes continue to come in. I am working through applications or to get applications for businesses that currently have cafes out or have had cafes in the past but have not contacted me to update their license. I am making many visits to the cafes to introduce myself and remind them it is well past time to renew their cafes. I am also making visits to cafes to confirm measurements of their cafes to ensure we are all on the same page. It has also been very challenging to get all the required information from the café operators.

Some of the café operators and property owners have been resistant and combative when asked to make changes to their café set-up or to remove their cafes due to a special event or street use permit. We are continuing to work with them to communicate the requirements and remind them it is a privilege to use public space for the café and not a right. We have set deadlines for completion of the café application and required documentation.

The Great Taste of the Midwest took place on August 12th this year. In the past there were many issues with sidewalk cafés, especially on E. Main St. We wanted to take a proactive approach this year to remind café's of their responsibilities and requirements.

We sent out a letter via email to all sidewalk café operators leading up to the Great Taste of the Midwest. We reviewed the sidewalk café requirements and things that had happened in the past that we did not want to see repeated. This letter was also hand delivered to a handful of sidewalk café's that had the majority of the issues over the past few years. I also reached out to the Great Taste organizers as well as the BID.

I did get some push back but when we reminded them this has been the expectation for many years and is the ordinance they all accommodated. Eric and I were both out many times over the weekend monitoring. There were a few minor things that will be addressed but no citations were issued. Overall I would say the proactive approach was a success.

Enforcement:

- 3 citations issued
- 4 warnings
- Many emails to set appointments to finalize licenses

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ARTS & CRAFTS STATUS

Licenses Issued in 2017: 45

Enforcement: There is nothing to report in this category.
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MERCHANT VENDOR STATUS

Licenses Issued in 2017: 5

Enforcement: There is nothing to report in this category.
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SOUTHEAST CAMPUS VENDING AREA STATUS

Licenses Issued to Date: 7

Enforcement: There is nothing to report in this category.
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CAMP RANDALL HIGH DENSITY VENDING STATUS

Licenses Issued in 2017: 7

Enforcement: There is nothing to report in this category.

TOSVOD Vending**Licenses Issued in 2017: 7**

We are continuing to get more inquiries regarding the TOSVOD. We have also had reports of low sales and challenges with other events happening in the area.

The City has an RFP out for a new BID booth for the top of State St. and we have included a request for permanent vending kiosks. We will begin the selection process in the next week. The presence of more permanent vending I believe will add a new and exciting opportunity to an area that is being better utilized then it has in years. If these kiosks will happen they would be located on the Philosophers Grove side of State St and there would be at most 6 kiosks and they would coordinate with the BID booth. They would be ready for the spring of 2018.

Enforcement: There is nothing to report in this category.

LANGDON STREET HIGH DENSITY VENDING**Licenses Issued to Date: 0**

This is due to construction. No licenses will be issued until the construction is over.

Enforcement: There is nothing to report in this category.

LATE NIGHT VENDING STATUS**Licenses Issued in 2017: 5**

There continues to be issues with late night vending. We are continuing to work with the vendors, police, alders and others to come up with creative solutions.

Enforcement: 1 citation

BASIC STREET VENDOR LICENSE STATUS

Not related to other licenses such as Mall/Concourse

Licenses Issued in 2017: 37**Enforcement:**

- 1 final warning
- 1 citation for vending without a license

TABLING PERMIT STATUS**Permits Issued in 2017: 124 +**

Enforcement: There is nothing to report in this category.

BANNER PERMIT STATUS

Organizations applying for one or more in 2017 banner spaces to date: 33 +
Banner permits issued to date in 2017: 47 +

MISCELLANEOUS

- Construction on the square is over! Vendors are no located in their post construction locations. There is still some movement because vendors are not happy with their new locations and miss the food cart food court. I continue to try to make adjustments.
- Before the next vending season a new map with potential changes to current vending locations should be created. There are many sites on the map that are not conducive to vendors now. This is due to new amenities, sidewalk cafes or other challenges that have come up since the most recent map change.
- I will be planning on hosting listening sessions with both sidewalk café and art & craft vendors to get a better handle on their challenges and successes. This will help guide issues the VOC can address.
- The first Food Cart Reviewing 101 class for food cart reviewers was held on 8/28/17.
- The first football game of the season is September 1, 2017.