

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council Item ID 38340 Agenda Number 91.

Meeting Date: 12/11/2014 Department: Transportation

Subject

Approve an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 14-9 to except certain mobile street vendors from traffic and sidewalk obstruction regulations.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	Resolution No. 20141106-064.
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Boards and Commission Action:	
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Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

On November 6, 2014, Council approved Resolution No. 20141106-064 directing the City Manager to initiate a Code amendment to City Code Chapter 14-9 (Traffic or Sidewalk Obstructions) to except certain mobile street vendors from traffic and sidewalk obstruction regulations.

As directed by the resolution, staff has worked with various stakeholders to develop recommendations for changes to Chapter 14-9 that will allow the chronically homeless the ability to earn a dignified income keeping 100% of profits and tips received.

This proposed ordinance amendment of Chapter 14-9 creates a limited exception, allowing vendors who meet the charitable organization criteria, to operate mobile vending carts to offer for sale prepackaged individually wrapped items to the general public.