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MEMORANDUM

Date: August 8, 2023

To: Honorable Town Council

From: Melissa Cordeiro
COUNCIL CLERK

Re: Amendment to Ordinance 19-2" Prohibited areas and rules governing peddlers & hawkers

I am requesting an amendment to the existing ordinance, specifically, found in section 19-2 which pertains to "Prohibited Areas and Regulations Governing Peddlers and Hawkers."

In the past, mobile food establishments and itinerant vendors were collectively classified alongside "Peddlers and Hawkers" within this ordinance. However, in 2020, an amendment was introduced to define regulations for itinerant vendors and mobile food establishments, leading to an inadvertent omission of their inclusion within the specified prohibited areas listed in the ordinance.

To ensure that the ordinance aligns with the historical precedent, I propose the ordinance be revised to encompass itinerant vendors and mobile food establishments as follows:

Sec. 19-2. - Prohibited areas and rules governing peddlers and hawkers

In addition to the general ordinances and laws, all peddlers, ~~and hawkers~~, itinerant vendors, and mobile food establishments must not vend on school property or within school zones as established by the school department; must not vend on all town recreational areas, the town common and all town parks; must not vend in the downtown area, which encompasses the area surrounded by Church Street, Franklin Street, Thames Street and Hope Street; must not impede the free flow of pedestrian or vehicular traffic. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the town council may by special exception, upon issuance of the license or subsequent request to the town council, permit vending in certain areas of the town including public areas for specific occasions.

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The chief of police shall, from time to time, submit to the council additional streets and public ways throughout the town which, in his opinion, because of excess traffic and congestion, are unsafe for the public welfare and safety for the selling or offering for sale of merchandise by peddlers or hawkers.

(Code 1972, § 14-8; Ord. No. 2009-15, 11-11-09; Ord. No. 2012-04, 7-18-12)