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SUMMARY OF AN
ORDINANCE AMENDING
ORDINANCE OF THE
COUNTY OF VENTURA,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
AMENDING DIVISIONS 2
AND 12 OF THE VENTURA
COUNTY ORDINANCE
CODE TO REGULATE
SIDEWALK VENDING

The following summarizes a proposed Ordinance amending Ventura County Ordinance Code Divisions 2 and 12 to be considered by the Ventura County Board of Supervisors for adoption on April 9, 2024, in the Board Hearing Room in the Hall of Administration (HOA), County Government Center, 800 S. Victoria Ave., Ventura, CA. The purpose of the Ordinance is to regulate sidewalk vending to enhance entrepreneurship while securing the protection of public health, safety, and welfare in accordance with state law. The Ordinance consists of the following main provisions:

- Section 1 states findings that recognize the various public health and safety hazards and impacts potentially associated with vending activities that are being addressed in the proposed sidewalk vending regulations.
- Section 2 amends the County's existing Ordinance Code licensing requirements for persons peddling goods to clarify that those regulations do not apply to sidewalk vendors who are permitted to operate under the proposed sidewalk vending regulations.
- Section 3 sets forth the sidewalk vending regulations which consist of the following:
 - Establishes that the sidewalk vending regulations apply to all sidewalks that are owned or controlled by the County, except for those located in County parks and at the Channel Islands Harbor where sidewalk vending is currently and will continue to be regulated by the Parks and Harbor Departments, respectively.
 - Specifies that sidewalk vendors must comply with all other applicable local, state, and federal laws in addition to the proposed sidewalk vending regulations.
 - Exempts from the sidewalk vending regulations (including permitting requirement) occasional sidewalk vending to fundraise for local schools and charitable/service organizations.
 - Requires each individual engaged in sidewalk vending to obtain an annual over-the-counter permit which must be displayed while vending.
 - Addresses allowable vending equipment, locations, hours of operation, trash removal and management, and prohibited goods, among other operational issues.
 - Establishes rules for the vending of food and beverage including the need to comply with the Environmental Health Division's applicable requirements.
 - Establishes rules for administrative enforcement in accordance with state law.
- Section 4 amends the County's existing Ordinance Code prohibition on selling in County road rights-of-way to create an exception for sidewalk vending that is conducted with a permit pursuant to the new sidewalk vending regulations.

This summary is prepared pursuant to Government Code section 25124(b). The full Ordinance is available for review at the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors located in the HOA at the above-stated address.

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