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SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council may from time to time define areas, in the interest of preserving public health and safety or avoiding traffic congestion, in which no mobile food vendor may prepare or dispense food from a wheeled vehicle or cart; and

WHEREAS, The City of Chicago hosts nearly 50 million tourists every year, concentrated primarily in the Central Business District; and

WHEREAS, The City of Chicago offers more than 37,000 hotel rooms in the Central Business District, operating at nearly 90% of capacity during peak months; and

WHEREAS, Over 500,000 people work in the Downtown Central Business District, including 300,000 commuting by mass transit and sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, The River North and Streeterville neighborhoods are home to over 850 restaurants, and nearly 500 sidewalk cafes; and

WHEREAS, The River North and Streeterville neighborhoods have a population density nearly three times the City of Chicago's average; and

WHEREAS, On certain high-volume pedestrian streets, existing street furniture, kiosks, and other city infrastructure currently restrict pedestrian flow; and

WHEREAS, Adding food carts to the mix of existing obstructions on the public way would exacerbate current concerns for the functionality and safety of the public way; now therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

SECTION 1. The recitals to this Ordinance are incorporated herein. (a) Dispensing or preparing food from a wheeled vehicle within the following designated areas is hereby prohibited:

- (1) Beginning at the intersection of Laflin Street and Monroe Street; thence south on Laflin Street to Jackson Boulevard, thence west on Jackson Boulevard to Paulina Street; thence north on Paulina Street to Monroe Street; thence east on Monroe Street to Laflin Street.

(b-1) No mobile prepared food vendor shall operate on the sidewalk on both sides of the following roadways:

- 1) On Clinton Street between Washington Boulevard and Jackson Boulevard;
- 2) On Halsted Street between Washington Boulevard and Van Buren Street;
- 3) On LaSalle Street between Washington Boulevard and Jackson Boulevard;

- (4) On Michigan Avenue between Oak Street and Roosevelt Road;
- (5) On Rush Street between Division Street and Pearson Street;
- (6) On State Street between Lake Street and Congress Parkway;
- (7) On Wabash Avenue between Lake Street and Congress Parkway;

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- 8) On Larrabee Street between Erie Street and Chicago Avenue;
- 9) On Hudson Street between Erie Street and Chicago Avenue;
- 10) On Sedgwick Street between Erie Street and Hudson Avenue;
- 11) On McClurg Court between Illinois Street and Chicago Avenue;
- 12) On St. Clair Street between Illinois Street and Superior Street;
- 13) On Chicago Avenue between State Street and Michigan Avenue;
- 14) On Division Street between Dearborn Street and State Street;
- 15) On Erie Street between Rush Street and St. Clair Street;
- 16) On Grand Avenue between Wabash Avenue and St. Clair Street;
- 17) On Huron Street between Wabash Avenue and St. Clair Street;
- 18) On Oak Street between State Street and Michigan Avenue;
- 19) On Ohio Street between Wabash Avenue and St. Clair Street;
- 20) On Ontario Street between Dearborn Street and St. Clair Street;
- 21) On Superior Street between Wabash Avenue and St. Clair Street;
- 22) On Superior Street between Kingsbury Street and Sedgwick Street;
- 23) On Huron Street between Kingsbury Street and Sedgwick Street;
- 24) On Erie Street between Kingsbury Street and Sedgwick Street;
- 25) On Cedar Street between State Street and Michigan Avenue;
- 26) On Bellevue Place between State Street and Michigan Avenue;
- 27) On Oak Street between State Street and Michigan Avenue;
- 28) On Walton Street between State Street and Michigan Avenue;
- 29) On Delaware Place between State Street and Michigan Avenue;
- 30) On Chestnut Street between State Street and Michigan Avenue;
- 31) On Pearson Street between State Street and Michigan Avenue.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication.

Alderman Brendan Reilly, 42nd Ward

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