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The Honorable Girmay Zahilay
Chair, King County Council
Room 1200
C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Zahilay:

This letter transmits the Environment Health Services report on Streamlining Food Business Permitting, as called for by Ordinance 19861 Section 104, Proviso P71 and a proposed Motion that would, if enacted, acknowledge receipt of the report.

As required, the enclosed report outlines the actions Environmental Health Services (EHS) is taking to streamline and improve the food business permitting process. The report includes a workplan detailing key milestones for implementing each action. It also includes a description of current food business permitting processes and data on food business permit application timelines.

The following actions are either underway or expected to launch next year to address these issues:

1. Improving permit navigation: This action will be done by contracting with community-based organizations (CBOs) to offer additional support to street food vendors navigating the permitting process.
2. Lowering financial barriers: New and unpermitted street vendors will be supported by offering six-month commissary kitchen vouchers.
3. Offering additional temporary permitting options: This action is specifically for “pop-up” vendors.
4. Lowering business start-up costs: New street food vendors using carts will receive a 50 percent reduced fee, which applies to both the plan review and annual permit fees.

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Thank you for your consideration of this report. If your staff have questions, please contact Joy Carpine-Cazzanti, Government Relations Administrator, Public Health – Seattle & King County, at 206-263-0365.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karan Gill', with a stylized flourish at the end.

for

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Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

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