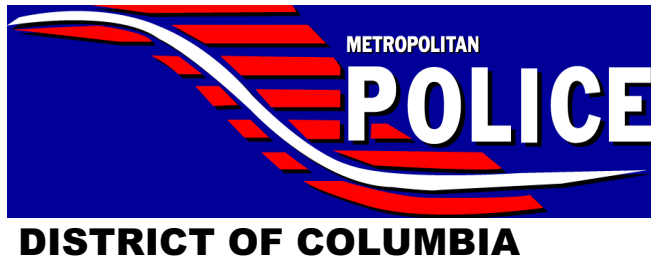


CIRCULAR



Title	Decriminalization of Street Vending
Number	CIR-23-12
Effective Date	July 11, 2023
Expiration Date	July 11, 2025
Related to	GO-PER-308.02 (Nuisances, Incidentals, Defects and PD Form 61D) GO-PCA-503.03 (List of Bonds and Collateral Applicable in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia)

The purpose of this circular is to notify members of the *Street Vendor Advancement Amendment Act of 2023*. While the Act establishes sidewalk vending zones, managers, and associated rules for street vending, the focus of this circular is to inform members that **street vending has been decriminalized and the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) is excluded from street vending enforcement.**

Street Vendor Advancement Amendment Act of 2023

Need to Know	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All criminal penalties for violations of any laws or regulations related to vending from a public space have been eliminated. The MPD is no longer authorized to enforce vending laws as provided in the Act. The Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection (DLCP) and District of Columbia Department of Health (DOH) will be the primary agencies responsible for responding to issues of vending on a public space including licensing issues. <p>Suspected violations or other community concerns related to vending shall be directed to the DLCP at (202) 671-4500 or vending@dc.gov.</p> <p>Civil enforcement officers (non-MPD):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will require violators to identify themselves with legal name and current address; and May require ID and may <u>not</u> make an arrest, but may detain for reasonable time to identify and issue a Class 1 Civil Infraction (16 DCMR 3201).
Definitions	Enforcement officer – Person authorized to enforce the provisions of this act; provided, that <u>this shall not include an officer or member of the MPD.</u>
References	DC Act 25-94 (Street Vendor Advancement Amendment Act of 2023) DC Official Code § 37-131.02. Vending from a public space DC Official Code § 37-131.08. Penalties 16 DCMR 3201 (Classes of Violation and Schedule of Fines)

While this circular will expire on July 11, 2025, changes made to District law as described in this circular will become permanent upon passage of the permanent bill and remain so until such time as the law is amended. Members will be notified in the event that the permanent legislation does not move forward.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ashan M. Benedict". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ashan" being more prominent than the last name "Benedict".

Ashan M. Benedict
Interim Chief of Police

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