FACT SHEET

South Gate City Council has introduced a modified street vending ordinance, complying with California law.

WHY THE CHANGE?
The City needs to make changes to comply with California laws.

WHAT DO THE NEW CITY REGULATIONS DO?
The new city regulations reduce the barriers to street vending in compliance with California law.

SB 946
ends criminalization of sidewalk vending in California and allows local authorities to adopt laws to protect public health, safety and welfare.

SB 972
modernize the California Retail Food Code (CRFC) to include sidewalk food vendors while enhancing critical health and food safety regulation.

- City eliminates the complete prohibition on major streets like Firestone; Otis; Atlantic; Tweedy; Imperial; Long Beach; Garfield and others.
- City is allowing roaming sidewalk vendors in all Parks.
- City is allowing roaming sidewalk vendors to operate in and around schools.
- City eliminated prohibitions of vending on streets with trees or other landscape areas.
- City eliminated prohibitions that have no specific distance measurements stated within them.
- The new regulations eliminated any health standards that are not consistent with SB 972. The City’s only health standard is that a vendor must have a Los Angeles County Health Permit as required by California State law.
- City requires the same insurance amount that any businesses or private person would need to use the public sidewalk. This protects the taxpayers from claims of trip and fall or illegal discharge of grease into the storm drains.

WHAT DO THE NEW CITY REGULATIONS “NOT DO”?
- The new regulations do not prohibit street vending.
- The new regulations do not place new barriers on the street vending.
- The new regulations do not protect local restaurants over street vending. California Law prohibits those type of regulations.
- The new regulations do not require social security numbers. The new regulations provide several options for identification including a driver’s license, California ID; Social Security card; California taxpayer identification number; or an identification card issued by another municipality.

WHERE CAN I VIEW THE NEW ORDINANCE?
Visit the City website (www.cityofsouthgate.org) or the City Clerk's Office at 8650 California Ave.