

Good afternoon,

My name is Craig Boutiette, my address is 227 South 30th St., and I own Get It On a Bun at Booty's hot dog cart and my wife owns Get It On a Bun at Booty's Diner food truck.

I am speaking today in opposition to proposed ordinance O-374-18, and specifically Section 115.350, Stationery Vendor.

Under the current ordinance, my hot dog cart is classified as a Stationery Vendor using the following definition "An itinerant vendor who conducts business from a vehicle, other conveyance or temporary stand upon privately or publicly owned property, but not from a mobile vehicle or conveyance traveling on a public street, sidewalk, alley or public way within Louisville Metro." I purchase a permit for my cart to vend at a specific location on Jackson St. in front of University Hospital. I have vended at this location for 22 years and have regular and loyal customers.

Under the current ordinance, my wife's food truck is classified as a Mobile Food Unit Vendor using the following definition, "A stationary vendor who conducts business from a food establishment on wheels or is otherwise mobile." She has operated her business for seven years at various locations around Louisville and also has regular and loyal customers.

This is our profession and how we earn money to support our family.

Under the proposed ordinance, our two businesses, which are very different, would both be classified as a Stationery Vendor. You would move my business from the location where it has operated continuously and successfully for 22 years and force my little hot dog cart into a stationery vending zone with all the other food trucks. You would also force all the other hot dog carts that vend at locations all over downtown into these stationery vending zones, so that there would be a line of hot dog carts beside a line of food trucks. This is a ridiculous proposal. Each of the carts around Louisville has an established location, where customers know to find us. You will ruin my business.

My wife's food truck is mobile, so that she can take it where there

is demand. That might be downtown in front of an office to serve the lunch crowd, to a private event for an employee appreciation day, or on the Belvedere to serve dinner to hungry people attending a convention.

You call both our businesses stationery vendors. My hot dog cart fits the definition of a stationery vendor, in that I want to remain at my regular, long-established location. My wife's food truck is not in any way a stationery vendor as the whole point of a food truck is to be mobile so that it can go where the demand is.

This Ordinance needs to be withdrawn immediately.