

City of Newburgh

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City to Amend Peddler's License Ordinance

Issuance of New Licenses Temporarily Suspended

In response to various concerns expressed by residents and businesses throughout the City, City Manager Jean-Ann McGrane has issued a temporary moratorium on the issuance of new peddler's licenses, pending amendment of Chapter 23 of the City Code which regulates sidewalk vendors and peddlers.

"Sidewalk vending offers a certain charm and convenience to our residents and visitors, but it must be administered fairly so that interference with traffic, the proliferation of trash, and other adverse impacts on permanent businesses and the City are prohibited," said Ms. McGrane. "The present ordinance is outdated, and it must be amended so it applies to the types of motorized vendors we have today and ensures compliance with current health and safety codes."

She added, "With the good weather coming, we are expediting the revision of the ordinance so vendors and peddlers are not unduly affected by the moratorium. We plan to present the revised ordinance to the City Council for adoption in April."