Summary of Sidewalk Vending Provisions

The City Attorney has drafted a very detailed sidewalk vending ordinance. The major deletion is the requirement that the adjacent store front owner must approve a vendor at that location.

Some of the key provisions of the ordinance require:

* The Department of Public Works needs to establish a Sidewalk Vending Coordinator
* Vending may only be permitted in Special Sidewalk Vending Districts
* The vendor must be licensed and have a permit (renewable annually) as well as proof of liability insurance
* Two types of carts are permitted,
  + a stationary cart which is permitted in commercial and industrial zones; a maximum of two stationary carts are allowed on block face
  + a mobile cart permitted in residential zones. Mobile carts must keep moving and are limited to 7 minutes to complete a transaction and then move on
* If food is served, the vendor must complete a food handling course
* No vending within 500 feet of a k-12 school between 6am and 6 pm except for “healthy food vendors”.
* Other restrictions include prohibition near major venues like the Hollywood Bowl
* Strict limitations on proximity to driveways, entrances to residences and commercial buildings, curbs, streets, etc.
* The carts can’t impede pedestrians; a 6 foot clear space for pedestrians is required.
* There is a sliding scale of violations. For 1st violations it is $250 if not licensed ($100 if licensed) up to $1000 for the 3rd and subsequent (unsilenced) or $250 if licensed.
* These requirements can apparently be modified for each Special Sidewalk Vending District.