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**FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION
SANTA BARBARA CITY HALL,
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PUBLIC STATEMENT

Fire and Police Commission Issues Public Statement: Commission Learns about Significant Impacts of Unlawful Sidewalk and Roadside Food Vendors

On Thursday, November 21, 2024, the Fire and Police Commission heard from staff representing the City Administrator's Office and the Fire Department regarding the increasing number of sidewalk and roadside food vendors that are operating in violation of the City's Ordinance and in turn, impacting public health, safety and the environment. Examples of these violations include operating in the public right-of-way with open flames, setting up tables blocking pedestrian and ADA access, as well as illegal discharge of contents such as oil and grease into storm drains causing environmental damage to our waterways. The Commission also heard from members of the public about the negative impacts of these types of violations.

The Commission understands the importance of bringing such a critical and timely matter to the forefront of its public meetings and appreciates the City Administrator's Office, Fire Department, and Police Department for the opportunity to learn more about the issues that are affecting the community. The Commission also wants to acknowledge and applaud those vendors operating legally and following the requirements of the City's Ordinance who serve as models for all vendors to follow. The Fire and Police Commission encourages the continued prioritization of this issue by Mayor and Council and recommends additional resources be allocated to address it.

To learn more information about sidewalk vending in the City of Santa Barbara, additional resources in English and Spanish are available here:

[https://santabarbaraca.gov/business/business-resources/sidewalk-vending-santa-barbara.](https://santabarbaraca.gov/business/business-resources/sidewalk-vending-santa-barbara)

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<https://santabarbaraca.gov/fire-police-commission>.

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<https://santabarbaraca.gov/fire-police-commission/fire-police-commission-videos>.