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PATRICK A. WEHLE
DIRECTOR OF CITY LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

March 21, 2013

Michael McSweeney
City Clerk of the Council
141 Worth Street
New York, NY 10013

Dear Mr. McSweeney:

Transmitted herewith is the bill disapproved by the Mayor. The bill is as follows:

Introductory Number 434-A

A local law to amend the administrative code of the city New York, in relation to reducing the maximum fine amount for violations of vending regulations and defining unrelated violations of vending rules and regulations as separate offenses.

Sincerely,

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Patrick A. Wehle

cc: Honorable Christine C. Quinn





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Hon. Michael McSweeney
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
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Dear Mr. McSweeney:

Pursuant to Section 37 of the New York City Charter, I hereby disapprove Introductory Number 434-A, which amends the Administrative Code of the City of New York to reduce the maximum penalty for most violations of vending regulations and to treat unrelated violations of vending regulations as separate offenses.

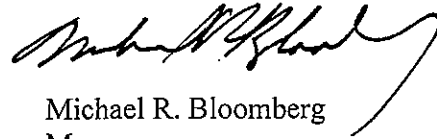
Street vendors have been operating in the City for hundreds of years and while they provide a valuable service, regulations are necessary to protect the health and safety of vendors and the public. While many vendors work hard and obey the law, the vending community's compliance with the law has been unsatisfactory. In fiscal year 2012 the City issued more than 19,000 violations to vendors and vendors defaulted, meaning that the vendors did not respond at all to the violation, on nearly half of those violations. Of the 19,000 violations issued to vendors, less than a third have been paid. During this same period, complaints against vendors have continued to increase.

Under existing law, after vendors receive three violations within a two year period, the maximum penalty increases to \$1,000 from \$500 for any subsequent violation falling within that two year period. The City has had the legal authority to impose penalties of up to \$1,000 for over three decades. To decrease this amount now sends the wrong message about the importance of complying with vending laws and regulations. I will not support a law that incentivizes non-compliance with the vending laws, breeds disrespect for City regulations generally and ultimately harms the public. This law will likely increase non-compliance and make the

payment of penalties, to the extent they are paid at all, merely a cost of doing business illegally rather than a deterrent of unlawful conduct.

For the foregoing reasons, I hereby disapprove Introductory Number 434-A.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael R. Bloomberg", written in a cursive style.

Michael R. Bloomberg
Mayor

Cc: The Honorable Christine C. Quinn