NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: **ORDINANCE AMENDMENT** to Section 17-11.11 of the Code of Ordinances concerning vending during a declared festival. (Deputy Dir. of Economic Development)

REPORT: 1517-07

ADVICE: Approval

BACKGROUND

The City of New Haven is in the process of updating and amending its ordinances and regulations concerning vending activities. As part of this process it has become clear that the existing permitting and regulatory framework for vending may conflict at times with other special events and declared festivals. One recent example is the 2015 Food Truck Festival, at which time vendors participated in the festival at either the special festival rate or the standard vending rate. In order to improve equity and customer service, the City wishes to better manage this and similar events through standardized protocols and rates similar to those in place for declared festivals on the New Haven Green. To accomplish this objective, the City wishes to amend Section 17-11.11, which establishes such protocols pursuant to City Ordinance, essentially by enabling the Mayor to make a festival declaration where appropriate at locations citywide. The text of the existing and proposed Section 17-11.11 is attached.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The proposed Ordinance Amendment is intended to harmonize the rate structure so that there is a level playing field for all vendors who participate in the Food Truck Festival. This is similar to the management of vending for festivals on the New Haven Green over the years pursuant to the existing Section 17-11.11 of the Code of Ordinances. Since major events are happening city-wide, this amendment is put forth so that the Mayor would have the authority to declare a festival for the Food Truck Festival and other important events as well.

ADVICE

The Commission finds the Ordinance Amendment in the best interest of the City and recommends approval.

ADOPTED: April 20, 2016   **ATTEST:** _____
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