



## THE CITY OF KEY WEST

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To: The City Commission for The City of Key West  
From: Ron Ramsingh, Chief Assistant City Attorney  
Date: August 26, 2019  
RE: Proposed ordinance amendment allowing for employees for mobile vendors  
Sponsor: City Attorney  
Meeting date: September 4, 2019

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Proposed Action: To amend Sec. 18-316 to allow for mobile vendors to have employees.

Background: Historically, mobile vendors were treated as “Peddlers” under our code of ordinances. In 1986, the City Commission created a new Article entitled “Mobile Vendors” and adopted language that was interpreted to disallow license holders from having employees. In 1996, an amendment was intended to be enacted, allowing for employees but it is not clear that the amendment was unambiguous enough to serve that purpose. In reviewing the history of the ordinance and the revisions, if the City Commission intends to allow for employees for mobile vendors, a clearer ordinance revision is the preferred vehicle.

Options:

1. To defeat this proposed ordinance revision. There will continue to be some level of ambiguity regarding the issue of whether mobile vendors can have employees or not.
2. To pass this proposed ordinance thereby making it clear that mobile vendors may have employees.

Recommendation: To pass the proposed ordinance.