

From: Jane Stevens
Sent: 18 February 2016 22:23
To: Licence Team
Subject: re, "New" Street Trading applications.

Dear Sir / Madam,

As a person who has been actively involved in street trading since 1990

I would like to express my view and concerns regarding the £115 administration charge for "New" Street Trading applications.

I do not have a problem with a administration charge for new applications but,

I am concerned at how administration charges might be imposed on existing traders and their pitches in the future.

For example:

If existing traders wish to make alterations to their existing consents regarding (for example) the amount of days they wish to trade:

Would this incur a administration charge ?

Do the council view this as a clerical detail to an existing trader/consent?

or is this viewed as a new application?

Reassurance, clarity and further discussion I think is needed with existing consent holders.
Yours Faithfully, Jane Stevens

On 22 February 2016 at 12:11, Darren Mountford wrote:

Dear Mrs Stevens,

Thank you for your email dated 18th February 2016.

Within your email you asked the following questions:-

If existing traders wish to make alterations to their existing consents regarding (for example) the amount of days they wish to trade:

Would this incur a administration charge?

If existing traders wanted to make material changes ie change what products they were going to sell or increase the days they wish to trade, then the Council would have to consult on this, therefore incurring an administration fee under the new proposed fee.

Do the council view this as a clerical detail to an existing trader/consent?

If the existing Street trader wanted to increase days then this would have to be consulted on therefore incurring an administration fee under the new proposed fee.

or is this viewed as a new application?

As above

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Darren

Darren Mountford
Senior Licensing & Markets Officer

From: Jane Stevens
Sent: 26 February 2016 11:07
To: Darren Mountford
Subject: Re: re, "New" Street Trading applications.

Dear Darren,

Thank you for your clear reply, The situation is that the main competition to us as street traders comes from the various City Centre markets where traders already have much more freedom to vary their offer than we do so to further restrict established street traders with more charges would place them at a further disadvantage, Therefore I must object to the imposition of the new application fee.

It also seems that the City Council may already be running a financial surplus from pitch fees & if so then it would not be lawful to bolt on any more charges, I note from my research that the LGA guidance is quite clear on surplus charges as is the EU services directive & it does seem that the charges that we already pay may be excessive.

I do understand the issue & sympathise but I think that the council should find a way to streamline the vetting of applications to save time & money instead of killing off new & potentially viable ideas from proven operators.

Sincerely,

Jane Stevens.
