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Street vending is a relatively novel concept in North America which creates issues when trying to characterize it in a specific work/land use regulation related to everyday urbanism. Thus, there is limited information about street vending in the context of a medium-sized Canadian city like Edmonton and the potential benefits that it brings to its citizens. Consequently, using Grounded Theory to gain an understanding of this issue, this study explores the status of street vending in the city of Edmonton and its implications for urban planning and sense of place. Findings suggest street vending plays a crucial role in the creation of vibrant and safe urban spaces.

Thus, urban planners must consider the role of public land in supporting livelihoods, including street vending, and adopt a holistic approach to understand how different groups operate and the spatial structures that they form. However, unfortunately, in Edmonton, there are numerous policies around it which makes it difficult for people to embark on that journey.

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