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CASE: TA-09-22 Text Amendment – Food Trucks

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BACKGROUND: TA-09-22, ADMINISTRATIVE

Periodically, updates are needed based on issues encountered in the administration of the CDO. In this case, the City amended a Food Truck ordinance in 2021 to clarify regulations and simplify the administration of permits for food trucks. In the 2021 ordinance, the City did not include a regulation requiring that food trucks be removed over night, relying on a Health Department regulation that required the same. Staff has encountered a situation where a business has located on a trailer, connected to utilities, and essentially established a more permanent footprint than would be established for a food truck. The ordinance change recommendation would be to prohibit the overnight parking of food trucks on a site in such a manner that it is visible from the public right of way. Staff views this as a means of clarifying regulatorily what is intended by the word “temporary” in the definition of food trucks.

The proposed text amendment would also add the modifier “Zoning” to Center City District, and reduce the maximum allowable signage from 32 square feet to 8 square feet, which is the size of a sandwich board.

Statement of Reasonableness and Consistency:

The proposal is not inconsistent with the 2030 Land Use Plan: the topic is not specifically addressed.

The proposal is reasonable in establishing a regulation to clarify the temporary nature of food trucks.

Action Requested:

Consider the drafted text amendment and make a recommendation to Council on the text amendment and statement of reasonableness and consistency.

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5. Other Regulations Applying to All Food Truck operations:

A. All food trucks shall be located within a surface parking lot or within a designated parking space or spaces on public streets.

B. Food Truck Vendors outside the Center City Zoning District shall not locate within 50ft of an existing single-family use.

C. Food truck vendors shall have a minimum of 2 dedicated parking spaces per operation.

D. Food truck operators are responsible for the proper disposal of waste and trash associated with the operation.

E. No amplified music, microphones or bullhorns shall be permitted as part of the food truck operation.

F. The only signage permitted for food trucks shall be a menu board, measuring no larger than ~~328~~ 328 sf, and placed no further than 10ft from the wall of the food truck. Menu boards shall not be illuminated.

G. Pennants, balloons, facsimile signage, or other items barred by Article 12 are expressly prohibited.

H. 75' of separation is required from the main entrance of the nearest restaurant during the restaurant's posted hours of operation.

I. All food trucks must leave the site every night or be parked so that the vehicle/mobile food unit is not visible from public rights-of-way.