



FOOD TRUCK ENFORCEMENT OPTIONS

Community & Economic Development Department
Code Enforcement Division

Land Use, Sustainability and Resilience Committee
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BACKGROUND

- City Council adopted RMC 5.36 in 2022
- City currently has 24 licensed food trucks
- To date, 30 citations have been issued
- Land Use Committee met in May 2024 to receive update and discuss changes to the code based on experiences:
 1. Establishing "on street permitting program"
 2. Limiting food trucks to certain street categories
 3. Reporting on a speed limit study on Diana St
 4. Increasing number of food trucks allowable on private property



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BACKGROUND

- Staff also recommends:
 1. Revising "Food Truck" definition to include trailers; and
 2. Clarifying restrictions on "metered parking" for food trucks.



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DISCUSSION

Street Parking Permit Program

- City currently has Preferential Parking Zone (PPZ) program
- PPZ designed to preserve residential parking spaces
- Food Truck parking permits would require new permitting program authorized by City Council Resolution.



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DISCUSSION

Limiting Food Trucks by Street Type

- RMC currently restricts commercial vehicles on certain street by gross weight and axle types
- Food Trucks would be subject to those same restrictions



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DISCUSSION

Speed Limit Study – Diana Street

- Engineering and Traffic Study conducted in March 2024
- No issues identified
- 40 MPH speed limit is appropriate
- No additional staff recommendations for this road segment



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DISCUSSION

Food Trucks on Private Property

- Current code allows **2** trucks with property owner permission
- Recommendation to increase to **4** trucks under same conditions
- More than 4 could create private and public property traffic and pedestrian hazards and safety concerns
- Most Cities are silent on private property and consider this a zoning issue



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DISCUSSION

Food Truck Definition

Staff recommends amending code to include non-motorized trailers.
Currently only motorized vehicles are considered "food trucks."



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DISCUSSION

Clarification on "Metered Parking"

Staff recommends RMC 5.36.070 (E) be amended to prohibit parking in metered stalls even when the metered time period is not in effect.

This change would preserve limited downtown street parking for patrons during all hours.



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STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

Strategic Priority #2 - Community Well-Being

- 2.4 Support programs and innovations that enhance community safety, encourage community engagement, and build public trust.
- 2.5 Foster relationships between community members, partner organizations, and public safety professionals to define, prioritize, and address community safety and social service needs.

Cross-Cutting Threads



Community Trust



Fiscal Responsibility



Sustainability & Resiliency



Equity



Innovation

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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Land Use, Sustainability and Resilience Committee provide staff direction on potential code amendments regarding food trucks, including, but not limited to an on street permitting program, restrictions for vending on specified street types or speed limit zones, food trucks parked on private property, and clarification of certain definitions within the existing ordinance.



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