



Legislation Text

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Consider an ordinance amending Zoning and Development Code, Chapter 10, Article VIII, Section 2-93, Code of Ordinances (2018 Edition), regarding Mobile Food Establishments. (First Reading)*

The revisions to the City's Code of Ordinances, creating the Zoning and Development Code, were published on October 1, 2018. Since that time, staff has identified changes which are intended to improve specific sections or to correct errors.

This change to *Section 2-93 - Accessory uses and home occupations* provides a short-term permit for mobile food establishments ('food trucks') at existing businesses, public facilities and places of worship. The code currently allows food trucks only on lots zoned as MU-1 (Mixed-Use Historic Commercial Core) and at other limited locations, including public facilities, event centers and educational campuses. An annual permit is required for these food trucks, which are only allowed to be open and located on-site on a temporary basis.

The proposed code provides for a second type of permit, for the short-term location of food trucks on any property with a commercial, employment or industrial zoning designation, in addition to other limited locations, including public facilities, event centers, educational campuses and places of worship. This short-term accessory use permit allows for the food truck to operate for up to three consecutive days. A maximum of four permits per year are allowed for each property.

Food trucks have proven to be a popular addition to events and the current code provisions do not allow them to be used this way. The code revision allows for existing businesses and employers to hold short-term events with food trucks on their property or on public facilities.

The revised code differentiates between the annual permit that is currently allowed on MU-1 property and the three-day permit that is allowed on commercial, employment or industrial properties.

The Planning and Zoning Commission conducted a public hearing and voted 8-0 to recommend approval of the amendment to Section 2-26 at their meeting on January 9, 2019. There were no speakers at the hearing.