



MOBILE FOOD UNITS

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PREVIOUS ACTIONS

Mobile Food Units

- Mobile Food Units & Farmers Markets – Ordinance No. 17-25 adopted 11/14/2017
- Mobile Food Units & “Special Events” - Ordinance No. 18-26 adopted 1/8/2019

DISCUSSION ON CURRENT ORDINANCE

Permitted Locations & Length of Stay

Two Points of Discussion:

1. Permitted Locations
2. Length of Stay

PERMITTED LOCATIONS

Ordinance 18-26

A. General standards:

(4) All mobile food units shall be parked a minimum of 100 feet from any residence.

B. Where allowed:

(1) Subject to compliance with the provisions of this section, mobile food units shall be allowed in the following locations:

- (a) The BB Boulevard Business District;
- (b) The GB General Business District; and
- (c) The real property of a religious assembly.

(2) Exception for homeowners. The owner of a home in a residential zoning district is authorized to have one or more mobile food units at his home for noncommercial uses. Such a homeowner shall be exempt from this section's requirements, except that he shall not violate any federal, state, or local law.

(3) City-owned property. The Director of the Department of Recreation and Parks is authorized to allow mobile food units on City-owned real property for specific events, and the Director shall impose those requirements on mobile food units that he deems reasonable and necessary.

PERMITTED LOCATIONS

Limitations of current ordinance

Current ordinance does not permit Mobile Food Units in the following zoning district:

- PUD – Planned Unit Development (Dunlop Farms, Conjuror's Neck)
- RO – Residential Office
- I – Industrial

Additionally, the current ordinance only provides exception in residential zoning districts to the real property of religious assembly, but does not provide exception to other civic use types.

PERMITTED LOCATIONS

Recommendation

Staff recommends amending §286-410.6(B)(1) to permit mobile food units at all use types with the exception of residential use types. The current provision for noncommercial use at a home would remain.

LENGTH OF STAY

Ordinance 18-26

- (5) A mobile food unit may locate on the same parcel for up to three consecutive days, and may do so for a maximum of four times a year. Under no circumstances shall a unit operate on the same parcel for more than 12 days in a one-year period.

The current ordinance has been successful at restricting mobile food units to “special event” activities.

Since the launch of mobile food units, three vendors have inquired about more permanent options for vending within the City.

LENGTH OF STAY Recommendation

Staff recommends that Council consider expanding the scope of the mobile food unit ordinance to permit more permanent options.