

Food Trucks Code Update





Request:

- Create new ordinance in City Code Chapter 10-4 with same enforcement language from 9-15
- Shift authority to designate on-street vending locations to Traffic & Parking Board

Staff Recommendation:

That City Council approve the proposed changes to the City Code

Key Elements of the Proposal:

- Explicitly empower Parking Enforcement Officers to cite food and ice cream trucks for parking and/or vending outside of designated on-street vending locations.
- Transfer responsibility for designating on-street vending locations from City Council to the Director of T&ES to streamline the process for adding or removing locations.





- Frequent complaints about food trucks parking/vending outside of designated vending locations on right-of-way
- Parking enforcement officers (PEOs) do not have clear direction in §10-4 to enforce against this behavior
- The process for updating the designated vending locations is administratively burdensome



Current Roles

- City Manager: administers and enforces all of Code Chapter 9-15
- Police: enforcement of parking on public ROW
- Planning Zoning: enforcement of parking and vending on private property
- RP&CA: enforcement of parking and vending on RP&CA land
- T&ES:
 - Planning for food trucks on public ROW
 - Issues Food Truck Permit
 - Enforcement of parking-nonrelated issues on public ROW
- Fire: issues Fire Prevention Permit
- Finance: issues Business License
- **Health:** issues Health Permit



- ► Enforcement: New Section in Chapter 10-4 to explicitly empower Parking Enforcement to cite food trucks (including ice cream trucks) parking or vending outside of designated vending locations on public right-of-way.
- ▶ Vending Locations: Amend Section 9-15-15 to transfer the authority to designate and update on-street vending locations from City Council to the Director of T&ES, based on a recommendation from the Traffic and Parking Board.



Recommendation

- Introduce and pass on first reading the ordinance authorizing the Police Department to issue citations to food trucks;
- Introduce and pass on first reading the changes to the ordinance authorizing the Traffic and Parking Board to designate on-street vending locations for food trucks; and
- Set the ordinance for public hearing and final passage on Saturday, November 15, 2025.