

the “City of Alexandria Food Truck Ordinance.” On December 12, 2015, and April 16, 2016, the City Council adopted amendments related to off-street and on-street vending, respectively.

On April 2, 2024, City Council discussed a request by food truck vendors to amend and expand the times food truck vending may be permitted. City Council directed staff to propose amendments which provide additional flexibility for vending hours.

DISCUSSION: Staff proposes amending Sec. 9-15-12 (A)(i) to expand the times of day which food truck vending may take place. Current regulations permit vending between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. daily. Staff proposes permitting vending between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. daily. As food truck vending often includes noise from diners and odor impacts from cooking similar to outdoor dining, staff recommends hours that would be equivalent to the city standard closing hours for outdoor dining.

Furthermore, the staff proposes amending Sec. 9-15-12 (A)(ii) to increase continuous vending time for any one food truck in any one location from four hours to six hours. The additional two hours will provide flexibility for food truck vendors in conjunction with expanded times of day which food trucks vending may be permitted.

The proposed changes will apply to the hours of operation on private property and permitted vending locations on public rights-of-way.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Ordinance Cover
2. Proposed Ordinance

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