

RESOLUTION NO. PC2024-29

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COACHELLA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 24-03 RECOMMENDING TO THE CITY COUNCIL AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A HEALTHY FOOD TRUCK PERMIT PILOT PROGRAM FOR CERTAIN CITY PARKS, CERTAIN PARCELS IN THE DOWNTOWN (DT-PV) AND DOWNTOWN TRANSITION (TR-PV) ZONING DISTRICTS, AND AT DATE FARMS. CITY-INITIATED.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted to the City of Coachella (“City”) by Article XI, Section 7 of the California Constitution, the City has the police power to regulate the use of land and property within the City in a manner designed to promote public convenience and general prosperity, as well as public health, welfare, and safety; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed Ordinance would establish a pilot program for mobile food trucks that satisfy health requirements and within limited locations established by the ordinance.

WHEREAS, based on that analysis, the Planning Commission recommends to the City Council that the pilot program is exempt from further review of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is an administrative activity which will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change to the environment and is not a "project" as defined by section 15378 pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines 15060(c)(2 and 3) and 15061(b)(3). The Ordinance will not result in any increase in the intensity or density of any land use above what is currently allowed in the Coachella General Plan 2035 and the Zoning Ordinance.

WHEREAS, on November 20, 2024 the Planning Commission reviewed the ordinances; and

WHEREAS, after said non-hearing item, the Planning Commission recommended that the City Council approve these ordinances.

NOW THEREFORE, THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COACHELLA, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Incorporation of Recitals. The Planning Commission of the City of Coachella, California, hereby finds that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein as substantive findings of this Resolution.

SECTION 2. Recommendation to City Council. Based on the entire record before the Planning Commission, all written and oral evidence presented to the Planning Commission, and the findings made in the staff report and this Resolution, the Planning Commission of the City of Coachella hereby recommends that the City Council adopt an

Ordinances entitled: “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COACHELLA ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR HEALTHY FOOD TRUCK PERMITS AT CERTAIN CITY PARKS AND DOWNTOWN (DT-PV) AND DOWNTOWN TRANSITION (TR-PV) ZONED PROPERTIES DIRECTLY SURROUNDING COACHELLA VETERANS’ MEMORIAL PARK. CITY-INITIATED” AND “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COACHELLA ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR HEALTHY FOOD TRUCK PERMITS AT ACTIVE COACHELLA DATE FARMS,” which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and “B.”

SECTION 3. Findings. The Planning Commission finds that the amendments to the Coachella Municipal Code proposed by the above referenced ordinances are consistent with and implement the goals and policies of all elements of the General Plan and exercise the City’s land use powers to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

The Planning Commission also finds that the proposed pilot program would not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, or welfare of the City in that they will establish appropriate operational requirements as envisioned by the General Plan 2023. Furthermore, the pilot program is consistent with the following General Plan Policies:

- **Community Health and Wellness Element Goal 6 Healthy Food Access.** The healthy food truck program is consistent with would provide “safe and convenient access to healthy, affordable, culturally diverse foods with low concentrations of unhealthy food providers” by the following:
 - **Policy 6.1 Healthy Food Retail**– Encourages and provides incentives for healthy and culturally appropriate food retail establishments by allowing a permitting process for mobile food trucks in the City of Coachella that meet the City’s healthy food truck standards.
 - **Implementation Measure 30: Plaza vendors.** The healthy food truck permit program would comply with implementation measure 30 by creating “a simple healthy food truck permit program that allows food and beverage vendors to operate in or around the perimeter of parks and plazas so long as they meet certain nutritional requirements determined by the City.” The program would allow healthy food trucks in and around City parks citywide.

SECTION 4. CEQA. The Planning Commission finds that proposed based on that analysis, that the draft Phase 1 Streamline Code Amendments are exempt from further review of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is an administrative activity which will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change to the environment and is not a "project" as defined by section 15378 pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines 15060(c)(2 and 3) and 15061(b)(3). The Ordinance will not result in any increase in the intensity or density of any land use above what is currently allowed in the Coachella General Plan 2035 and the Zoning Ordinance.

SECTION 5. Certification. The Secretary shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the members of the City of Coachella Planning Commission on this 20th day of November, 2024.

Jason Hernandez,
Planning Commission Chair

ATTEST:

Gabriel Perez, Planning Commission Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Carlos Campos, City Attorney

I, Gabriel Perez, Planning Secretary, City of Coachella, California, certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Planning Commission at a regular meeting of the Planning Commission held on the 20th day of November, 2024, and was adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Gabriel Perez
Planning Commission Secretary