MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

- DATE: October 3, 2022
- TO: Mayor and Council
- **FROM:** Mindy Teague, Planning and Zoning Director
- **THROUGH:** Crystal Caldera, City Manager
- **SUBJECT:** Presentation, Public Hearing, and Discussion of an Ordinance Revising Chapter 15 Zoning, Division 7 Permitted Use Table, Section 15.02.381 Permitted Use Table, to Remove the Requirement for a Specific Use Permit From the Use "Mobile Food Unit" (1st Read as Required by City Charter)

SPONSOR(S): N/A

PURPOSE

The purpose of this item is to consider approval of an Ordinance removing the requirement for a Specific Use Permit (SUP) from the use "Mobile Food Unit". This action was requested by the City Council.

This action would allow food trucks to operate in the business zoning districts city-wide without the requirement of obtaining an SUP. Food trucks would still be required to obtain health licenses from the appropriate agencies.

The SUP requirement is designed to regulate uses that may adversely affect traffic, public health, public utilities, public safety, and the general welfare of the city. The SUP assures that the use will not adversely affect the character and appropriate use of the area or substantially depreciate the value of adjacent and nearby properties

Food truck operators would still be required to obtain permission from the City to operate on city-owned land.

FISCAL IMPACT

There may be an increase in the City's sales tax revenue from the operation of these trucks within the city limits.

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Social Equity – food trucks are enjoyed by all citizens, as they prepare and serve many different and unusual types of cuisine.

Economic Development – allowing food trucks to operate without the lengthy process for obtaining an SUP may encourage food truck owners to sell food in the city limits, which may increase sales tax revenues.

Environmental Stewardship – food trucks occupy less real estate and disturb less soil than a conventional brick and mortar building, thereby reducing the impact to our environment.

STRATEGIC GOALS

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

At their 9-27-22 meeting, the Planning & Zoning Commission voted to recommend approval of this amendment.

ATTEST :

SAUNDRA PASSAILAIGUE, TRMC City Secretary