



CITY OF MARSHALL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Presenter:	Steven Anderson
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, April 9, 2024
Category:	NEW BUSINESS
Type:	ACTION
Subject:	Amendments to Ordinance Ch. 22 Article IV Mobile Food Units and Carts
Background Information:	<p>As the popularity of food trucks and carts increased some concerns were raised to city staff regarding location and duration. Regulating Mobile Food Units and Carts within the city will help create equity for our brick-and-mortar restaurants that pay property taxes and contribute to our local economy.</p> <p>Under the current ordinance, any mobile food vendor operating within city limits was not required to have a license or register with the city if they did not operate for more than 21 days in a calendar year. Tracking and validation of operating days for mobile food vendors became difficult. So, staff are recommending that all food vendors register and the number of days for a temporary license be reduced from 21 days to 7 days before a full city license is needed. Staff are also making recommendations that food trucks are not allowed within the public right-of-way where parking is permitted to address safety and parking concerns. Food trucks would be limited to private parking lots, and based on observation many food trucks already operate within private parking lots.</p> <p>As mentioned because of the popularity of food trucks staff did not want to discourage food truck vendors and have added language for special events or community festivals designated by the city, such as Sounds of Summer or World Fest to encourage participation by reducing the amount of paperwork. Through the ordinance review process, it was also found that ice cream trucks, although seen very infrequently, were essentially prohibited from operating within city limits. Language has been added to address ice cream trucks, because of the more transitory nature of ice cream trucks compared to stationary food trucks special exemptions needed to be called out.</p>
Fiscal Impact:	
Alternative/ Variations:	
Recommendations:	To adopt Ordinance 24-005 amending Ch. 22 Article IV Mobile Food Units and Cart and to authorize its summary publication pursuant to MN Statute 412.191.