

CITY OF MARSHALL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Presenter:	Steven Anderson
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, April 22, 2025
Category:	CONSENT AGENDA
Type:	ACTION
Subject:	Introducing Amendments to Chapter 22-IV Mobile Food Units and Food Carts
Background Information:	<p>The proposed amendments were to clarify questions that had been generated by various food truck vendors since the last amendments in 2024.</p> <p>One such item required written permission from private businesses for a food vendor to operate on their premises. Not all businesses specifically gave written confirmation and only required verbal confirmation to use private property. If a situation were to arise regarding the placement of a mobile food unit it would be up to the private property owner to resolve.</p> <p>There were also questions on the use of public property and the public right of way. The ordinance does specify that mobile food units may only operate in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial and industrial districts on <u>private</u> property • At special events or community festivals designated by the city • City parks or parking lots adjacent to parks with permission from the Parks Department • On the property of a private residence for catering not open to the public <p>To help address the questions regarding the public right of way most of the references in the ordinance that pertained to using the right of way were removed. There was an addition to clarify that if a city designated special event or community festival were to occur a mobile food unit could operate in the public right of way when given permission as part of the event.</p> <p>The ordinance already has a buffer in place from the entrance or outdoor seating area of a local restaurant. In addition to this staff recommended a 500 foot buffer from the perimeter of a community festival or a special event.</p> <p>The Legislative and Ordinance Committee met on April 8, 2025, and all present voted in favor that the recommended changes be brought for consideration of the full city council.</p>
Fiscal Impact:	
Alternative/ Variations:	
Recommendations:	To introduce the amendments of Chapter 22-IV Mobile Food Unit and Food Carts.