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Subject: Request to Place Chapter 15 Amendment on City Council Agenda

Good morning,

I hope you are doing well.

I am writing to formally request that an item be placed on an upcoming City Council agenda regarding a proposed amendment to Chapter 15 of the City of Mount Vernon Code of Ordinances, Peddlers, Solicitors, and Itinerant Vendors.

After reviewing the ordinance and discussing concerns within the community, I would like to propose updates that clarify its intended application while supporting local residents, small businesses, and community activities within city limits.

The proposed amendment includes:

- Addition of an exemption section for certain local vendors and organizations
- Establishment of a designated agricultural sales area for produce and honey vendors
- Revisions to mobile food vendor regulations, including permit period and fee structure

I would appreciate the opportunity to present this request to the City Council.

Attached below is draft language for consideration by the City Attorney and City Council.

Please let me know if there are any additional steps or documentation needed to have this item placed on the agenda.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Courtney Bean

Proverbs Kitchen

PROPOSED AMENDMENT – CHAPTER 15

City of Mount Vernon, Texas

Chapter 15 – Peddlers, Solicitors, and Itinerant Vendors

SECTION 1. ADDITION OF EXEMPTIONS

Sec. 15-10 Exemptions

The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to the following:

(1) Fixed Location Sales with Property Owner Permission

Any individual conducting sales from a fixed location on private property within city limits, with the express permission of the property owner, provided such individual is not engaged in door-to-door solicitation.

(2) Agricultural Producers

Individuals selling whole, unprocessed agricultural products, including but not limited to fruits, vegetables, eggs, and honey.

(3) Cottage Food Producers

Individuals operating in compliance with the Texas Cottage Food Law, as amended.

(4) Charitable and Religious Organizations

Charitable, nonprofit, or religious organizations conducting occasional fundraising activities.

(b) Fees and Permits

No permit or fee shall be required for any individual or organization qualifying under this section.

SECTION 2. DESIGNATED AGRICULTURAL SALES AREA

Sec. 15-10 Designated Farmers Sales Area

(a) The City shall permit the sale of whole, unprocessed agricultural products, limited to produce and honey, in a designated area located on the north side of the plaza across from the courthouse.

(b) Sales in this designated area shall be permitted on Saturdays only, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

(c) Only agricultural producers selling their own products shall be permitted to operate within this designated area.

(d) No permit or fee shall be required for vendors operating within this designated agricultural sales area.

SECTION 3. 15-113 AMENDMENT TO MOBILE FOOD VENDOR REGULATIONS

(a) Annual Permit Period

Mobile food vendors shall be permitted to operate within city limits year-round, defined as January 1 through December 31.

(b) Annual Permit Fee

The annual permit fee for mobile food vendors shall be set at \$200 per year.

(c) Temporary Permits

Temporary permits may still be issued as applicable. Limitations on the number of temporary permits shall be reviewed to ensure they do not create unnecessary barriers to operation.

(d) Purpose

These amendments are intended to support small business participation, encourage vendor involvement in community events, ensure reasonable regulations, and maintain compliance with Texas state law.

(e) Food trucks shall be allowed to set-up in city limits with permission of the property owner.

SECTION 4. PURPOSE

The purpose of this amendment is to ensure that Chapter 15 is applied consistent with its original intent to regulate door-to-door solicitation and transient vendor activity, while removing unnecessary barriers for local residents, small businesses, and community organizations operating within city limits.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This amendment shall take effect immediately upon adoption.