

MEMO



To: Planning Commission
From: Jason Bond, Assistant City Manager
Date: October 6, 2023
RE: **Special Provisions for Food Trucks**

Mayor Olson and the City Council discussed an idea of allowing food trucks to do business on a regular basis on City property. Specifically, an idea was discussed that would allow food trucks to do business on the northeast corner of Centennial Park. There was enough interest that the City Council asked staff to prepare some draft language and bring the idea to the Planning Commission.

A draft ordinance has been created and it is being presented to the Planning Commission for their review. This language is not necessarily a proposal but is language that staff has drafted that could help properly regulate this idea. This draft section of new code may need to be word smithed or added upon to accomplish the goals and expectations of the City. Please prepare to provide any necessary feedback in the meeting.

When discussing this idea and drafting some language, staff recognized a couple things that the Planning Commission and City Council may want to consider. First, staff does not anticipate that food trucks would want to do business on a regular basis in the designated area of Centennial Park during the colder months of the year. In addition, the City may discourage this because of some complications and additional responsibilities it would create with snow plowing, hence the reason for the drafted seasonal restrictions. Based on this realization, this ordinance does not need to be rushed into but could be thought about over the next several months. Second, if the City desires to try this idea out on more of a temporary basis, a temporary ordinance could be approved that would have a sunset on it. This way, food trucks would have a clear understanding that the City is doing a trial run on the idea to allow food trucks in Centennial Park on a regular basis.

An amendment to the code is a legislative action and requires the Planning Commission to hold a public hearing and provide a recommendation to the City Council.

Possible Motion: “Motion to (recommend/not recommend) approval of the proposed language that would create provisions for food trucks in Centennial Park.”