



AGENDA REQUEST FORM

DATE SUBMITTED	4-16-26	DATE OF COUNCIL MEETING	4-21-26
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AGENDA ITEM SUBJECT: (If needed, used a separate sheet of paper)

Review and Potential Regulation of Food Truck operations in Downtown St. James and Adjacent Residential areas

ACTION REQUESTED:

See Attached

REASONS FOR REQUESTED ACTION:

See Attached

Please list and supply any hand-outs and/or audio-visual materials.

Signature: _____

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ACTION REQUESTED: Request that the St. James City Council direct staff to evaluate current food truck operations and return with recommendations for updated regulations, including:

- Establishment of minimum distance requirements from residential properties
- Identification of designated operating locations on city-owned property (such as the lakefront park, recreational areas, or near the public pool and campground)
- Consideration of limited operating hours within downtown areas for quality of life for residents
- Implementation of standards for noise, generator use, and waste management

REASONS FOR REQUESTED ACTION: Food truck operations in downtown St. James are currently occurring in close proximity to residential homes, resulting in ongoing concerns related to generator noise, strong cooking odors, increased litter, and negative impacts on neighborhood appearance.

These impacts are especially significant during Minnesota's spring through fall months, when residents rely on and look forward to open windows and outdoor enjoyment of their homes.

The current situation also raises broader considerations regarding:

- Residential quality of life within downtown St. James
- Preservation of property values and neighborhood appeal
- Fairness for local restaurants that maintain permanent locations, pay property taxes, and are fully invested in the community

While food trucks can contribute to local activity, their current placement creates an imbalance between commercial use and residential livability, particularly given their minimal contribution to overall city revenue.

St. James has suitable alternative locations—such as the lake area, park spaces, and recreational zones—that provide parking, foot traffic, and amenities without directly impacting residential properties.

This request is intended to support a balanced, practical approach that allows food trucks to operate successfully while protecting residents and maintaining the long-term character and livability of downtown St. James.

I would appreciate the opportunity to present this item and discuss potential solutions with the Council.