



# Food Carts Discussion

April 28, 2025 – Work Session

# *Agenda*



- Council Priority
- Existing Food Cart policy
- Where Food Carts are allowed
- Recap & questions



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# Council Priority

## Economic Development

- Food Carts: *Revisit policy and specifications*



# What is the policy?

## Municipal Code Chapter 9-10

- **Mobile Food Unit:** *a vehicle that is self-propelled or that can be pulled or pushed [...] on which food is prepared, processed, or converted, or which is used in selling and dispensing food to the public.*
- **Permit Required**
  - Health, safety, and environmental laws
  - Proper disposal of waste & wastewater
  - Unit must have wheels and wheels cannot be removed
  - No exceptions for short-term operation
  - Some exceptions for special events





# What are the standards?

## Food Cart Standards

- Must not obstruct vehicular areas and /or pedestrian areas
- Provide garbage and recycling for patrons
- Self-contained systems (may not connect to public water, sewer, or electrical)
- May only operate on paved surfaces (not gravel)
- Only one unit on site at a time\*  
\*exception in Basalt Creek Employment zone



# *What are the standards?*

## *Basalt Creek Employment Standards*

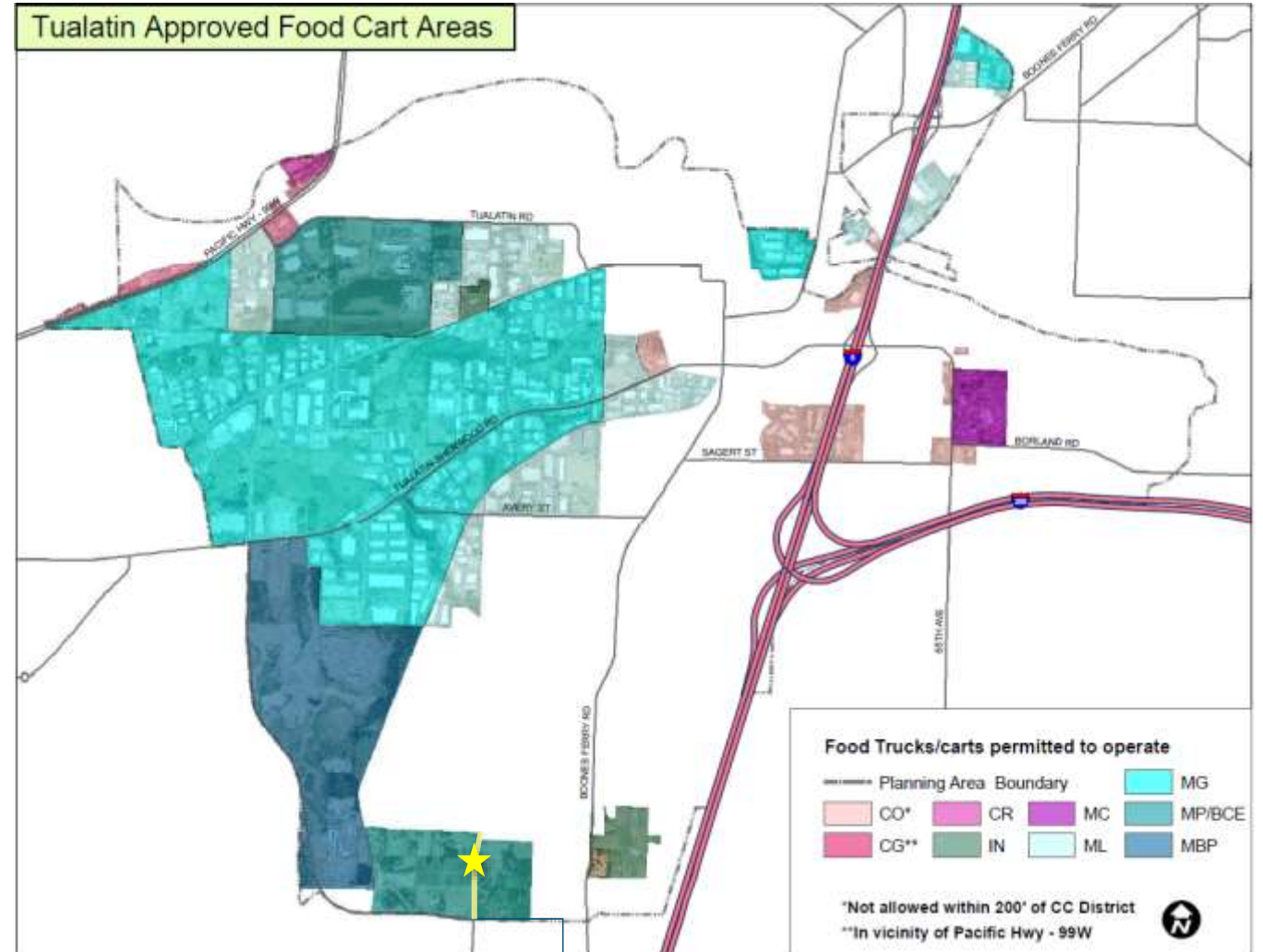
- Allows for one food cart pod development
- May contain between two and ten food carts
- Must have frontage along Grahams Ferry Rd
- Screening required
- Reviewed through Architectural Review process, requiring compliance with site and public improvement standards



# Where are they allowed?

## Zoning

- Commercial Office
- Recreational Commercial
- General Commercial limited to 99W
- Medical Center
- Light Manufacturing
- General Manufacturing
- Manufacturing Park
- Manufacturing Business Park
- Institutional
- Basalt Creek Employment



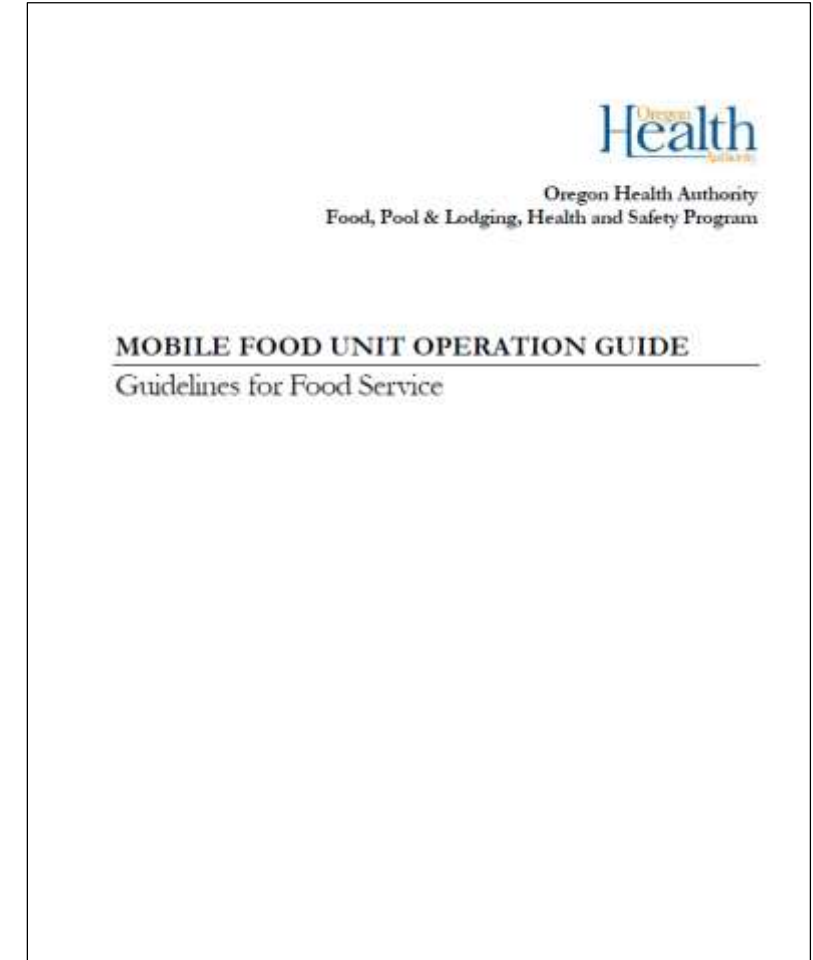
# Other considerations



## Oregon Health Authority

When food cart operators provide seating, the following must be provided:

- A restroom with a handwashing facility that provides hot and cold running water, soap, and paper towels or air dryer;
- Garbage container;
- Water sourced from an approved public water system or commercially bottled water.





# Conclusion



## Recap

- Code includes food cart limitations
- Largely prohibited in commercial zones

## Questions for Council

- Are you interested in learning more about food cart pod regulations in the area?
- Would you like to see food carts allowed in other zoning districts?
- Are there other items that you'd like us to explore?

