



Commerce City Outdoor Vendors

Community Development



Purpose

- In June, Council requested staff provide information on current outdoor vendor regulations related to food carts/trucks
- Information provided to Council generally related to licensing, location and operating rules



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Council direction

- Look at easing regulations to ensure food cart businesses are not unnecessarily burdened
- Reduce minimum distance from residential buildings
- Ensure food carts do not become permanent installations
- Comparative analysis of nearby jurisdiction regulations



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- Staff checked with five neighboring communities
- Analysis revealed C3 regulations are generally consistent with surrounding jurisdictions
- Revealed a couple of BMP's from our neighbors to consider



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Recommended changes

- Reduce distance to residential buildings from 300 to 100 feet but add operating hours (7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.) to protect residents
- Don't reduce distance to schools (impact on school lunch programs)



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- Food carts to remain operable so not to become “fixed”
- Food carts removed at end of business day
- Food carts to display licenses (including health department)



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- Food carts to be 175 feet from other restaurants (during restaurant operating hours)
- Allow food carts to be closely grouped in areas authorized by city (e.g. at Civic Center and other city properties, on request of non-residential property owner, organized events)



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Staff recommendation...

- Proceed to ordinance preparation adding recommended changes





Questions?

