



Legislation Text

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TO: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

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SUBJECT:

Consideration of Ordinance 2019-15, "An Ordinance Amending the City of Franklin Municipal Code, Appendix A - Comprehensive Fees and Penalties, Chapter 9, Business, Peddlers, Solicitors, Taxicabs, Pool Rooms, Licensing, Pedicabs, Etc. to Establish a Mobile Food Vending Permit Fee." (05/28/19 WS; 06-11-19 BOMA 1st Reading 8-0) Second and Final Reading

Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BOMA) with information to consider the addition of a Mobile Food Vending Permit Fee.

Background

In the past the City of Franklin has allowed mobile food vendors to operate as itinerant merchants in accordance with the requirements set forth in Title 9, Chapter 4 of the City of Franklin Municipal Code entitled Peddlers and Solicitors which did not sufficiently regulate this growing and popular industry.

Because of the increased popularity of the mobile food vending industry the City of Franklin has received a growing number of requests from mobile food vendors to operate within City limits. City staff received direction from the City of Franklin Board of Mayor and Aldermen to further examine existing City regulations related to itinerant merchants and mobile food vendors. City staff has concluded mobile food vendors, when carefully incorporated into the fabric of a community, increases the vitality of public and private spaces, increases the number of local culinary options, offers an alternative for dining that otherwise require driving, and fosters opportunities for local entrepreneurship.

City staff has provided the Board of Mayor and Aldermen a draft mobile food vending ordinance inclusive of definitions, permitting and operational requirements, and regulations for operation within City of Franklin parks. City staff has also provided a dual classification for mobile food vehicles, Temporary Mobile Food Vehicles and Location Specific, Semi-Permanent Mobile Food Vehicles. Location Specific, Semi-Permanent Mobile Food Vehicles may require additional review and enforcement, as evidenced by the additional requirements and procedures associated with the fixed location, semi-permanent mobile food vending classification.

Financial Impact

Staff has considered the application, review and enforcement time and cost associated with Mobile Food Vending and is proposing the incorporation of the following fees into Appendix-A of the Municipal Code:

\$100 Mobile Food Vending Permit Fee, Annual

\$200 Location-Specific Mobile Food Permit, Annual

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of Ordinance 2019-15.