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# **MOBILE FOOD VENDORS**

**CITIZEN ADVISORY GROUP MEETING**

**March 11, 2014**

- Welcome & Introductions
- Purpose
- Recap of January 30, 2014 meeting
- Public Right of Way Standards
- Definition
- Research
- Current Regulations
- Feedback
- Next Steps

## PROCESS

Through a citizen advisory group process, Planning staff will explore current mobile food vendor regulations and possibly modify the regulations that allow the use in Charlotte.

## MEETING

Review current regulations and consider revisions to Zoning Ordinance that regulates mobile food vendors.

## *SEPARATION*

- Reduce 400 foot separation
- Keep current separation requirements
- Separation should not be applicable to mixed use
- Allow clustering for events
- Reduce separation on major streets
- Designate special locations/areas with no separation

## *LOCATIONS*

- Do not allow vendors to locate in front of restaurants
- Allow vendors to locate on public property
- Allow vendors in business and office parks

## PERMITS

- Extend length of permit
- Allow flexibility to move around
- Revisit cost of permit

## HOURS

- Extends hours beginning at 6 am - ?
- If not near residential should be opened later
- Should be able to operate 24 hours

# PUBLIC STREET RIGHT OF WAY

- Zoning Ordinance regulates land use but not the public street right-of-way.
- There are other codes and ordinances that regulate the public street right-of-way such as City Code Sections. 6-431, 6-432, 6-436, 6-437 and 6-438\*:
  - No peddling in the R/W in defined area: CBD (particular streets), Coliseum and stadium district (particular streets). Listed in Sec. 6-431.
  - No peddling in areas zoned residential during particular hours (8:00 pm to 8:00 am) and daylight savings time is effect (9:00 pm to 8:00 am)
  - No peddling for more than 30 min within 300' in a 24 hour period on any street. (Including parking, set up, take down, and departure).

*\*Resource: Charlotte Department of Transportation*





# RESEARCH

## Hours

5am – 2am

Atlanta, GA  
Chicago, IL

6am – 11pm

Boston, MA

6am – 3am\*

Raleigh, NC

*\* 7pm – 10 pm within 150 feet of  
single family or duplex dwelling*



# RESEARCH

## Location

200' from restaurant entrance  
15' from intersection/sidewalk  
10' from driveway  
Multiple locations

Atlanta, GA

Established sites – 3mth schedule  
GPS on food truck

Boston, MA

200' from restaurant entrance  
GPS on food truck

Chicago, IL

100' from restaurant entrance  
100' from outdoor dining  
50' from food cart

Raleigh, NC



# RESEARCH

## Regulations

Itinerary required

The firm name and permit number must be affixed on both sides of the vehicle in 3" letters.

Dallas, TX

Any time Environmental Services revokes or suspends the food vending permit, the *retail sales - food truck* business is revoked or suspended simultaneously

Raleigh, NC

Maximum food trucks:

- 1 on *lots* of one-half (1/2) acre or less;
- 2 on *lots* between one-half (1/2) acre and one (1) acre; and
- 3 on *lots* greater than one acre



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# **CURRENT REGULATIONS**

Code Section 12.510

City of Charlotte Zoning Ordinance



# DEFINITION

## Mobile Food Vending Service

A service establishment operated from a licensed and moveable vehicle that vends or sells food and/or drink processed or prepared on-site to walk-up customers.



# Current Regulations

## Section 12.510. Mobile food vending services.

1. Not allowed in required setback, sight distance triangle, or required buffer.
2. Requires a zoning use permit. **Maximum duration - 30 days renewable twice. Maximum time period 90 days per year.**
3. Proof of property owner or designated agent permission
4. If issued a notice of violation at the location operator not eligible to renew at that location for the rest of the year.
5. Trash receptacles must be provided

# Current Regulation

6. Vendor must remove trash at the end of each business day.
7. Hours of operation are from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m.
8. One parking space per 250 square feet of the mobile food vending unit required. Additional parking may be required.
9. Not excluded from other requirements
10. No access from a Class V (collector), Class VI, (local), or Class VI-L (cul-de-sac) street.

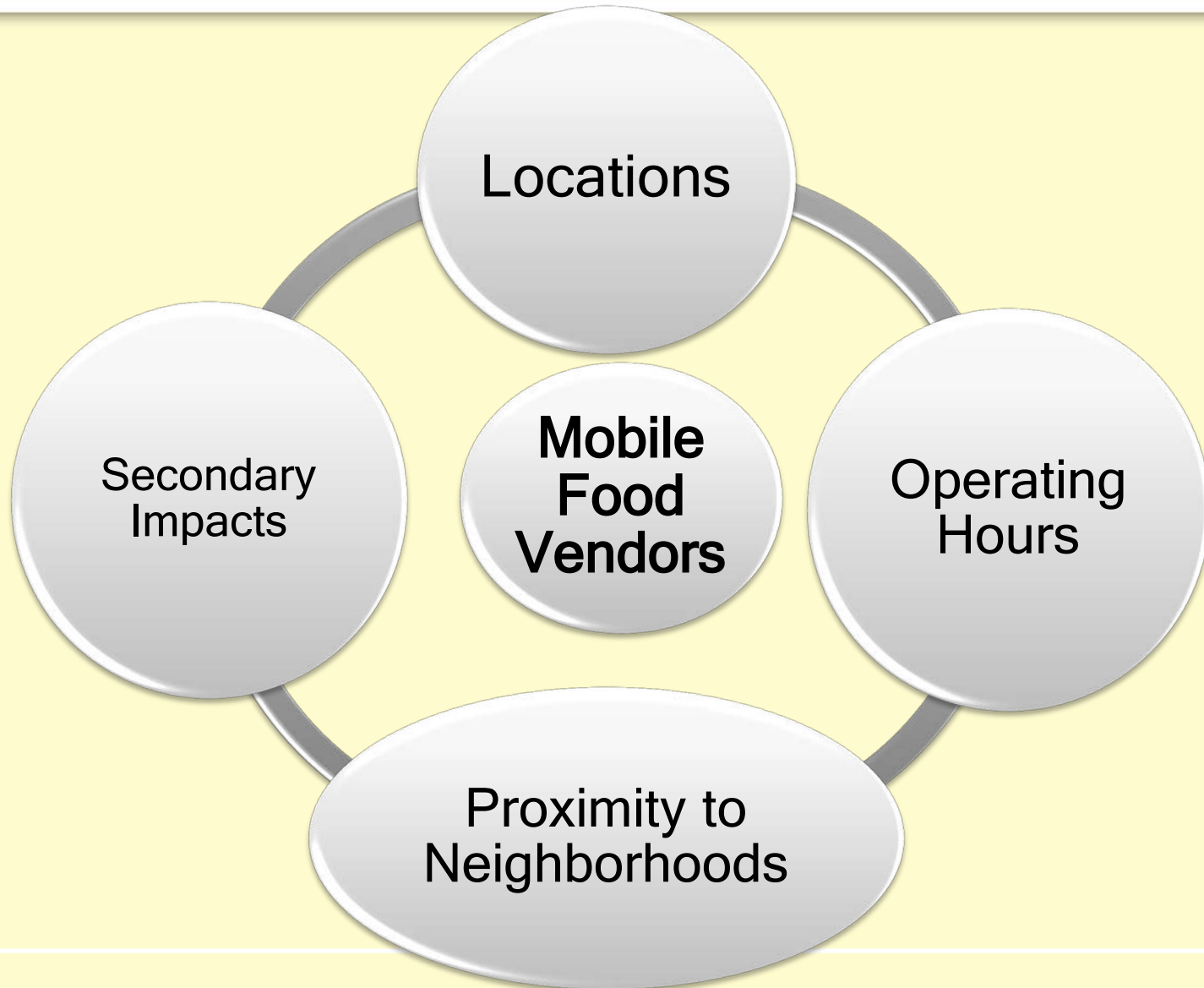


# Current Regulation

11. A minimum 400' separation from other mobile food vendor and a minimum 400' separation to a residential use.
12. A zoning use placard must be posted
13. All applicable local and state codes shall be met.
14. Exemptions for
  - a. Special events
  - b. Non-profit, fundraising events of 5 days or less



# FOCUS AREAS



1. What should be the maximum duration for a permit?
2. What should be the maximum number of locations per permit?
3. What should be the hours of operation?



# DISCUSSION Cont.

4. Should there be a maximum time per location?
5. Where should mobile vendors be allowed to locate?
6. When should there be a separation requirement?
7. What should be the separation distance?





# GROUP REPORTING & CONSENSUS

- HOURS
- LOCATION
- REGULATIONS

Planning Department – Draft a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to modify requirements for mobile food vendors.

## Citizen Advisory Group Meetings

- April 3, 2014      Draft Recommendation
- April 22, 2014      Final Recommendations

## City Council Hearing and Decision

- June 16, 2014      City Council Public Hearing
- July 21, 2014      City Council Decision



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