



**CHARLOTTE**  
CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG  
PLANNING

# MOBILE FOOD VENDORS

CITIZEN ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

May 29, 2014

- Welcome & Introductions
- Purpose and Process
- Recap of April 29, 2014 meeting
- Concerns
- Current Regulations
- Updated Recommendations
- Questions and 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.

- ❖ Citizen Advisory Group Meetings
- ❖ Staff Recommendation
- ❖ Public Hearing
- ❖ City Council Decision



# Last Meeting Recap

- City Department of Transportation (CDOT) regulations on sales in public streets, peddlers ordinance, etc.
- Discussion Topics related to zoning for food trucks
  - Special events (school festivals, charter schools, community and neighborhood events, private parties)
  - More than 3 mobile food trucks congregating on a site.
  - Hours of operation
  - Separation (next to an eating, drinking or entertainment establishment, permission from property owner)
  - Operating in other office areas.



# Highlights of Proposed Changes

<i><b>Current Regulation:</b></i>	<i><b>Staff Recommendation</b></i>	<i><b>Benefits of Proposed Change</b></i>
One permit per location	Allow a maximum of three (3) locations per permit.	Provides greater flexibility in permitting.
Permit valid for 30 days – maybe renewed twice for a total of 90 days per location	Extend the time period so that permit is valid for <b>one (1) calendar year</b> for every 3 locations	Reduces the cost for annual permits.

# Highlights of Proposed Changes

<i><b>Current Regulation:</b></i>	<i><b>Staff Recommendation</b></i>	<i><b>Benefits of Proposed Change</b></i>
Mobile food trucks required to be located at least 400' from another mobile food truck	<p>One mobile food truck may locate on a property at a time with the exception of special events or locations under prescribed</p> <p>Allow more than one food truck on site based on lot size.</p> <p>Allow clustering of 4 or more trucks.</p>	Creates opportunities for clustering of mobile food trucks and provides opportunities for more locations.



# Highlights of Proposed Changes

<i><b>Current Regulation:</b></i>	<i><b>Staff Recommendation</b></i>	<i><b>Benefits of Proposed Change</b></i>
Operating hours are from 8 am to 9 pm	Operating hours from <b>6am – 11pm</b>	Extends hours of operation to provide more time for mobile food trucks to operate.
N/A	Create separation distance of <b>50 feet</b> from the entrance to any eating, drinking or entertainment establishment, or restaurant, nightclub, or bar that serves food. No separation required if on same lot under same ownership.	Provides adequate separation from brick and mortar eating establishments.



<i><b>Current Regulation:</b></i>	<i><b>Staff Recommendation</b></i>	<i><b>Benefits of Proposed Change</b></i>
Mobile food trucks required to be located at least 400' from another mobile food truck	Reduce the separation requirement between mobile food vendor to <b>20'</b> when located on the same parcel. No separation when located on different parcels.	Creates opportunities for more locations.
Mobile food trucks required to be located at least 400' from residential use	Reduce the separation requirement of mobile food vendors from 400 feet to <b>150</b> feet from a residential use in a residential district.	Creates opportunities for more locations.

*Note that the mobile food vendor must return to the **commissary** as required by state law.*



# Questionnaire

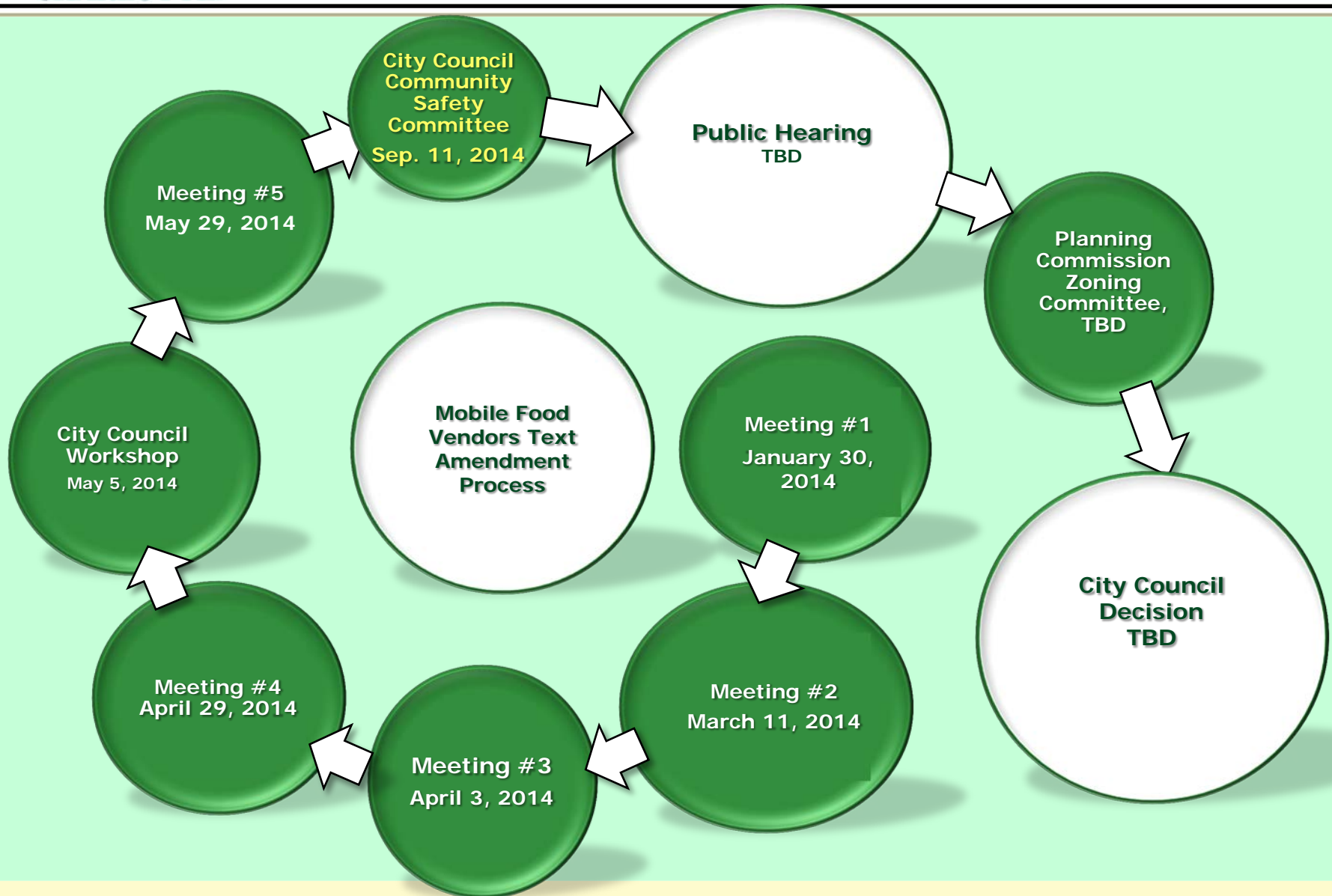
- Opportunity to provide additional feedback since there is not an opportunity to speak during the Community Safety Committee meetings.
- Information will be compiled and provided to City Council Community Safety Committee.



# Feedback and Questions



# PROCESS FLOWCHART



# Next Steps

Planning Department – *Review the recommendations with the City Council Community Safety Committee.*

September 11, 2014

City Council  
Community Safety Committee

## City Council Hearing and Decision

- TBD, 2014

### City Council Public Hearing

- Staff presents recommendation and any outstanding issues
- Proponents and opponents can sign up to speak
- Citizens may also speak with Council Members prior to or after the hearing.

- TBD, 2014

### Planning Commission – Zoning Committee

- Zoning Committee Members Make a recommendation that is forwarded to Council
- Citizens may speak with members prior to the Zoning Committee meeting, but public comments are not heard during the meeting

- TBD , 2014

### City Council Decision