

# **Overview/Discussion of Proposed Changes to Chapter 25, Article XII “Mobile Food Unit Vendors”**

**Rules, Administration and Procedures Committee  
Tuesday, January 17, 2023**



# Overview

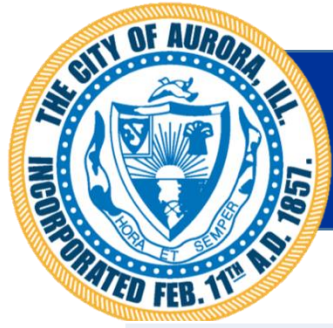
- Today's discussion will provide an overview of changes proposed by staff and collect feedback from the Committee.
- Proposals are based off:
  - Aldermanic concerns
  - Survey outcomes
  - Feedback from business community
  - Feedback from city staff
- Based on feedback and direction from the RAP Committee, staff will formally draft changes and present at the February 7, 2023, RAP Meeting.



# Survey Process

## Surveys were sent to the following:

- Downtown Area Restaurants (in and around downtown)
  - 40 sent
  - 10 responses
  - **25% response rate**
- Liquor Licensees
  - 169 sent
  - 46 responses
  - **27% response rate**
- Food Truck Operators
  - 81 sent
  - 23 responses
  - **28% response rate**



# Survey to Downtown Restaurants

<p>Currently, the city has six (6) designated spots in the downtown available on a first-come, first-serve basis for food trucks to park and vend from Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11 am – 4 pm in Spring, Fall and Summer. All spaces adhere to the current distance requirement of 100 ft. from a brick-and-mortar restaurant. Are you, as a business owner supportive of the city continuing this practice?</p>	<p>The city currently allows for certain flexibility for mobile food vendors/food trucks during some special events (Food Truck Festival, Stolp Island Block Party, Winter Lights Festival, Farmer's Market &amp; First Friday Food Truck Court to name a few). Do these events:</p>	<p>Are you supportive of the continued limited use of mobile food units/food trucks in the downtown?</p>
<p>Yes: 6</p>	<p>Positive: 7</p>	<p>Yes: 5</p>
<p>No: 4</p>	<p>Negative: 2</p>	<p>No: 4</p>
	<p>No response: 1</p>	<p>No response: 1</p>



# Survey to Liquor Licensees

<p>In the past 12 months, has a mobile food unit/food truck operated near your brick-and-mortar establishment?</p>	<p>If yes to Question #1:</p>	<p>Does your business rent or lease out parking spaces to mobile food vendors/food trucks to park and operate out of regularly?</p>	<p>Does a business near you rent or lease out parking spaces to mobile food vendors/food trucks to park and operate out of regularly?</p>	<p>Does your establishment have a mobile food unit/food truck as part of your brick-and-mortar establishment?</p>	<p>Do you support distance requirements for mobile food units/food trucks from brick-and-mortar restaurants?</p>
<p>Yes: 19</p>	<p>Yes: 13 (Positive Impact)</p>	<p>Yes: 3</p>	<p>Yes: 14</p>	<p>Yes: 1</p>	<p>Yes: 27</p>
<p>No: 27</p>	<p>No: 18</p>	<p>No: 41</p>	<p>No: 30</p>	<p>No: 44</p>	<p>No: 16</p>
	<p>No Response: 15</p>	<p>No Response: 2</p>	<p>No Response: 2</p>	<p>No Response: 1</p>	<p>No Response: 3</p>



# Survey to Food Mobile Food Vendors

If the city is able to provide regular locations for you to operate your mobile food unit/food truck from regularly, would you use them?	How often do you currently operate your mobile food unit/food truck?	How often would you like to be able to operate your mobile food unit/food truck?	Do you currently pay to lease a spot to operate your mobile food unit/food truck?	Do you currently participate in any Special Events?	Have you ever received information from the city as to how to participate in events?	Do you or have you ever use the designated food truck spots in the downtown?	Is there anything about the permit application process you would change?
Yes: 17	Daily: 10	Daily: 14	Yes: 8	Yes: 19	Yes: 13	Yes: 3	Yes: 8
No: 6	Weekly: 7	Weekly: 5	No: 15	No: 1	No: 9	No: 12	No: 14
	Special Events: 6	Special Events: 7		Would like to: 3	No Response: 1	Didn't Know: 9	No Response: 1
	Seasonal: 2	Seasonal: 0					



# Areas to Address

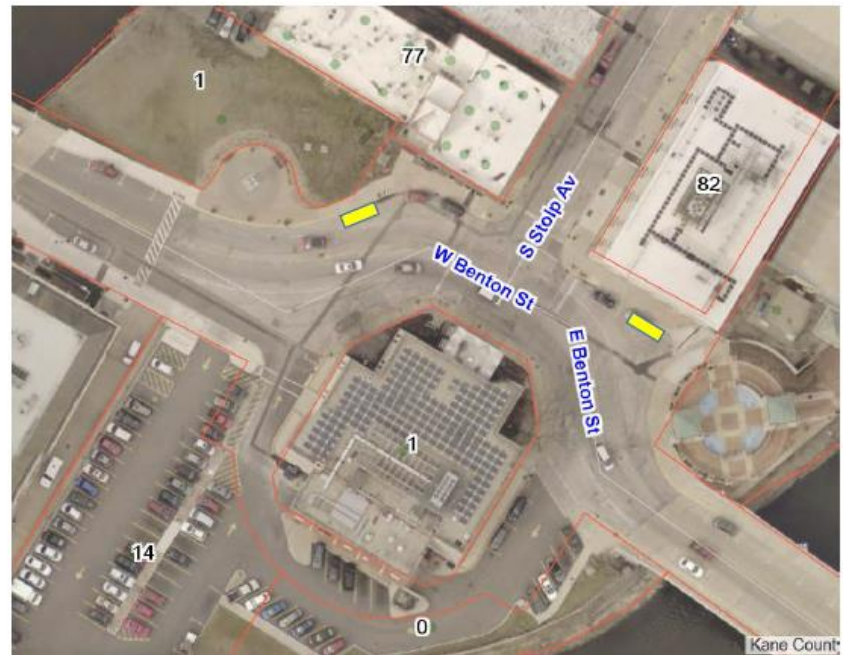
- **Sec. 25-282 Definitions**
  - Refine current definitions to be more specific as to what is and is not allowed
- **Sec. 25-283 License Required; Application**
  - Better articulate the application requirements
  - Add renewal process for previous vendors
- **Sec. 25-284 Mobile Food Unit Operating Procedures**
  - Move Sec. (a) Health and safety requirements to Application Requirements
  - Refine Sec. (b) Location Requirements
  - Hours of operation
- **Sec. 25-285 License Issuance, Administration and Rules**
  - Modified based on other changes
- **Sec. 25-286 Sanctions, Appeals**
  - Modify to include enforcement



## Committee Feedback Requested – Staff Proposals

- Prohibit “Carts”, except for when part of a permitted “Special Event”
- Refine “Location Requirements”
  - Staff is proposing to clearly articulate no long-term leases/parking allowed for Mobile Food Units/no “permanent” locations
    - Provide a degree of flexibility for designated “Entertainment Districts” (Ex. Outlet Mall)
    - Exception for the downtown - staff’s proposal is to only allow them in the designated parking spots, except for during a permitted special event.
      - Example: Stolp Avenue when the street is closed
- Prohibit the setup of tents, tables, flags, etc.







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- Modify the “100 feet from restaurant” to include “**property line to property line**” to eliminate any room for interpretation
- Location of unit may not impact required parking formula for property
- Add option for Ward locations as requested by Alderperson
- Businesses hosting special events may request to allow food trucks for a special event
- Allow the ice cream truck under this section, will need a specific provision



## Committee Feedback Requested

### Hours of operation

- Hours of operation shall be limited to the hours between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.
- The hours of operation for mobile food vehicles located within three hundred (300) feet of a residential building or a mixed-use building with a residential component shall be limited to the hours between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.



**Questions?**