

City of Dallas

1500 Marilla Street Council Chambers, 6th Floor Dallas, Texas 75201

Legislation Text

File #: 22-897, Version: 1

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Quality of Life, Arts & Culture

AGENDA DATE: April 27, 2022

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): All

DEPARTMENT: Department of Code Compliance

EXECUTIVE: Carl Simpson

SUBJECT

An ordinance amending Chapter 17, "Food Establishments," of the Dallas City Code, by amending Sections 17-1.5, 17-3.2, 17-6.2, 17-8.2, and 17-10.2; to (1) revise the term mobile food establishment to mobile food units; (2) revise the classifications of mobile food units; (3) providing a definition of a mobile food preparation trailer and variance; (4) providing that mobile food establishments may visit their central preparation facility or commissary once a week if certain conditions are met; (5) providing that Class III and Class IV mobile food units may prepare raw poultry and seafood on the mobile food unit; (6) providing additional requirements for Class III and Class IV mobile food units; (7) providing a penalty not to exceed \$500.00; (8) providing a saving clause; (9) providing a severability clause; and (10) providing an effective date - Financing: No cost consideration to the City (See Fiscal Information)

BACKGROUND

Department of Code Compliance-Consumer Health Division staff has been working with the Better Block Mobile Food Vending Task Force as well as other Community Partners to revise the City of Dallas Mobile Food vending regulations. On March 29, 2022, the Quality of Life, Arts, and Culture Committee approved sending the recommendations to the full City Council. The recommendations included changing the unit name from mobile food preparation vehicle to mobile food units, allowing preparation of an expanded list of foods on certain mobile food units, reduced commissary visit for units that meet criteria, and clarifying the definition of a mobile food unit and the permit types. There is no financial impact to the City of Dallas.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

Information about this item was provided to the Quality of Life, Arts, and Culture Committee on January 18, 2022.

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FISCAL INFORMATION

No cost consideration to the City. A modest increase of revenue is expected but without a history of penalties, an estimate cannot be provided at this time.