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Mobile Food Vendors

Add the following to Section 2-173. Jurisdiction of Magistrate of Chapter 2. Administration, Article VI. Code Enforcement:

Sec. 2-173. Jurisdiction of special magistrate.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this Code of Ordinances, the special magistrate shall have the jurisdiction and authority to hear and decide alleged violations of the codes of the city, including, but not limited to the following:

- (1) Chapter 3. Advertising.
- (2) Chapter 5. Animals and Fowl, Article I. In General.
- (3) Chapter 6. Beaches and Bulkheads, Article I. In General.
- (4) Chapter 7. Buildings and Building Regulations.
- (5) Chapter 12. Food and Food Products.
- (6) Chapter 14. Junked, Abandoned Property.
- (7) Chapter 19. Nuisances.
- (8) Chapter 27. Residential and Commercial Solid Waste Collection, Disposal, and Assessment.
- (9) Chapter 28. Streets, Sidewalks, and Other Public Places.
- (10) Chapter 32. Utilities.
- (11) Chapter 34. Land Development Code.

Add the following to Section 34-41. General of Article IV. Definitions in its proper alphabetical order:

Mobile food vendor means a licensed, motorized vehicle (e.g. “food truck”) or mobile food unit (e.g. “food cart” or “food trailer”) which is temporarily parked on a premise from which food items are sold to the general public.

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Add the following to the list of permitted uses for certain zoning districts:

“Mobile food vendors in accordance with the provisions of Section 12-33 *Mobile Food Vending* of Chapter 12 *Food and Food Products* of this Code of Ordinances.”

APPLICABLE DISTRICTS

- Article VII, Section 34-342 *Commercial Limited: C-1*
- Article VII, Section 34-343 *Commercial General: C-2*
- Article VII, Section 34-344 *Commercial Service: CS*
- Article VII, Section 34-345 *Central Business District: CBD*
- Article VII, Section 34-347 *Redevelopment District: RD* [existing commercial RD's only. To be added to new RD's on case-by-case basis]
- Article VII, Section 34-348 *Planned Unit Development: PUD* [existing commercial PUD zones only. To be added to new PUD zones on a case-by-case basis]

Add the following as Article III Mobile Food Vending of Chapter 12 Food and Food Products:

Chapter 12 Food and Food Products

Article III Mobile Food Vending

Sec. 12-33. Mobile food vending.

Where allowed under the permitted use provisions in certain zoning districts as set forth in Division 2 of Article VII of Chapter 34 of the Jacksonville Beach Code of Ordinances, mobile food vendors shall conform to the following conditions:

(1) Definition.

Mobile food vendor means a licensed, motorized vehicle (e.g. “food truck”) or mobile food unit (e.g. “food cart” or “food trailer”) which is temporarily parked on a premise from which food items are sold to the general public.

(2) Location and separation requirements.

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- a. ~~A~~ Mobile food ~~vendor~~ vendors may ~~only~~ be located on a lot having 6,000 square feet or more of area, and containing a principal building or use, ~~and~~. The maximum number of mobile food vendors per lot is limited as follows:
 - (i) Maximum of one (1) mobile food vendor on lots ~~of one acre or less~~ having 6,000 to 14,999 square feet of area;
 - (ii) Maximum of two (2) mobile food vendors on lots having 15,000 to 43,560 square feet of area; and
 - ~~(ii)~~(iii) Maximum of three (3) mobile food vendors on lots having over one acre-43,560 square feet of area.
- b. Mobile food vendors must be located at least one-hundred (100) feet from the main entrance to any eating establishment or similar food service business, one-hundred (100) feet from any outdoor dining area, ~~and fifty (50) feet from any other permitted mobile food vendor location, as measured from the designated location on the lot accommodating the mobile food vendor. This separation. This separation requirement~~ shall apply only during the normal hours of operation of the eating establishment or similar food service business, or outdoor dining area, ~~or other permitted mobile food vendor location.~~
- c. Mobile food vendors are not allowed to locate within a required sight triangle at the intersection of a driveway, alleyway, or public street with another public street as set forth in Chapter 34 of this Code of Ordinances; or within five (5) feet of public sidewalk, utility box or vault, handicapped ramp, building entrance, or exit or emergency access/exit way; and must not locate within any area of the lot that impedes, endangers, or interferes with pedestrian or vehicular traffic. Mobile food vendors must be located a minimum distance of fifteen (15) feet in all directions of a fire hydrant.
- d. Mobile food vendors and associated seating, if any, may not occupy parking spaces that may be leased to other businesses and uses used to fulfill their minimum parking requirements. Mobile food vendors may not occupy any handicap accessible parking space.

(3) **Signage and noise.** One (1) free-standing signage and/sandwich board or A-frame type sign is permitted on private property for each mobile food vendor. No audio amplification are notis permitted as part of a mobile food vending operation. ~~Outdoor seating areas associated with a mobile food vending operation are only permitted on lots one (1) acre or greater in size.~~

(4) **Hours of operation.**

- a. Hours of operation are limited to the hours between 7:00 a.m. and ~~2~~ 3:00 a.m.

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unless the designated location on the lot accommodating the mobile food vendor is located within one-hundred and fifty (150) feet of the property line of a dwelling unit in a residential zoning district in which case the hours of operation are limited to the hours between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.

b. The mobile food vending operator or ~~their~~ his or her designee must be present at all times.

~~c. The mobile food vending vehicle or trailer unit and any associated outdoor seating must be removed from all permitted locations during impermissible hours of operation; and must not be stored, parked, or left overnight on any public street or sidewalk.~~

(5) **Waste management.**

a. The mobile food vendor is responsible for the proper disposal of waste and trash associated with the permitted operation. City trash receptacles are not to be used for this purpose. At a minimum, vendors must remove all waste and trash from their approved location at the end of each day or as needed to maintain the health and safety of the public. Vendors must keep all areas within five (5) feet of the vehicles or units and any associated seating areas clean of grease, trash, paper, cups or cans associated with the vending operation.

b. No liquid waste or grease is to be disposed in tree pits, storm drains; or onto the sidewalks, streets, or other public space. Under no circumstances ~~may~~ shall grease be released or disposed of in the City's sanitary or storm sewer systems. If at any time evidence of the improper disposal of liquid waste or grease is discovered, the responsible mobile food vending business will be required to cease operation immediately, and shall not resume operation until an alternate method of disposal has been approved by the Public Works Department.

c. With the exception of allowable outdoor seating areas, all equipment required for the operation must be contained within, attached to or within three (3) feet of the mobile food vending vehicle; and all food preparation, storage, and sales/distribution shall be in compliance with all applicable sanitary regulations.

(6) **Licenses and permits.**

a. **Lot Owner Permit.** An application for approval of the location of a mobile food vending business must be submitted to the City Clerk by the owner of record of any lot proposed to accommodate one or more mobile food vendors. The application for a lot owner mobile food vending permit shall be reviewed and approved by the Planning and Development Department. A lot owner mobile food vending

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permit is required to be renewed annually.

NOTE: Recommend lot owner permit fee = \$25/year.

- b. **Mobile Food Vendor Permit.** For each location, a City of Jacksonville Beach business tax receipt for the mobile food vending business must be obtained; and all required State of Florida, Duval County, and City of Jacksonville Beach permits, licenses, and business tax receipt must be clearly displayed on the mobile food vending vehicle or unit. Prior to the issuance of a City of Jacksonville Beach mobile food vending business tax receipt, the vendor must provide evidence of having obtained all applicable State of Florida and Duval County licenses and permits, and obtained approval from the City of Jacksonville Beach Public Works Department of the method for the disposal of grease within an approved grease disposal facility. A mobile food vending business tax receipt permit is required to be renewed annually.

NOTE: Vendor permit = \$79.20/year/location. Same as small restaurant.

(7) **Enforcement**

- a. **Revocation.** If at any time, the State of Florida or Duval County revokes or suspends the issued mobile food vending permit, the City of Jacksonville Beach business tax receipt for the mobile food vending business will be simultaneously revoked or suspended. A mobile food vendor who has his or her permit declared null and void or revoked for any of the reasons set forth in this section shall not be allowed to reapply for a mobile food vending permit for a period of ninety (90) days after the effective date of such action.
- b. **Other violations.** If at any time evidence is provided that a mobile food vending business is being operated in a way that does not comply with these regulations, a notice of violation shall be issued to the lot owner and mobile food vendor and the violation shall be referred to the Special Magistrate for a hearing and disposition in accordance with the provisions of Article VI *Code Enforcement* of Chapter 2 *Administration* of this Code of Ordinances.

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SUMMARY OF SPECIFIC COMMENTS RECEIVED

COMMENT	NO. OF MENTIONS
TOTAL NUMBER OF RESPONSES WITH SPECIFIC COMMENTS	29
Oppose not allowing vendors on vacant property if properly zoned for eating establishments	20
Oppose not allowing them to be stored at the permitted site	18
Oppose requiring lot owner to also obtain permit	17
Oppose separation requirement from brick & mortar restaurant	16
Favor allowing more vendors at one location	10
Favor only requiring same licensing and permits as brick & mortar restaurants	6
Favor allowing for food truck rallies	5
Favor allowing them to provide seating	4
Favor allowing them to operate later:	<u>3</u>
2:30 a.m.	1
3:00 a.m.	1
3:30 a.m.	1
Favor no separation requirement from another vendor	3
Concern about what is the fee going to be?	2
Favor not allowing on public property or right of ways	1
Favor allowing some free-standing signage	1
Favor allowing for some reasonable amplified sound	1
Concern about separation from driveways, road intersections, public utility assets, etc.	2
Favor limiting to areas where they are not directly competitive with brick & mortar restaurants	1
Favor allowing them to stay open past 10:00 p.m. when close to residential uses if brick & mortar restaurants are allowed to stay open	1

RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC COMMENTS RECEIVED

COMMENT	NO. OF MENTIONS	CURRENT PROPOSED CODE PROVISIONS	COMMENTARY/PROPOSED REVISIONS
TOTAL NUMBER OF RESPONSES WITH SPECIFIC COMMENTS = 29			
Oppose not allowing vendors on vacant property if properly zoned for eating establishments	20	<p><u>Section 12-33(2)a.</u></p> <p>A mobile food vendor may only be located on a lot <u>containing a principal building or use</u>, and the maximum number of mobile food vendors per lot is limited as follows:</p>	<p>The City’s main concern in proposing the prohibition against using vacant lots is the lack of paved on-site parking for customers. Except for some older restaurants and few that received variances over the years, the brick and mortar businesses are required to provide paved parking (1 space per 100 sq. ft. of floor area). The City understands that many of the potential mobile food vendor customers will walk or bike to the location or will be beach goers who have parked elsewhere, there still will be a significant number who will be driving to the site.</p> <p>POSSIBLE CHANGE(S): Allow mobile food vending on vacant lots in appropriate zoning districts.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION: Stay with co-locating with an existing business or use at this time, but consider allowing them on vacant lots at some point following an evaluation of their performance over some period of time.</p>
Oppose not allowing them to be stored at the permitted site	18	<p><u>Section 12-33(4)c.</u></p> <p>The mobile food vending vehicle or trailer unit and any associated outdoor seating must be removed from all permitted</p>	<p>In preparing this draft, the City relied primarily on the Raleigh, NC mobile food vendor regulations that included this clause. Since the intent of the business is mobility, it seems counter-intuitive for the vendors to remain in place for extended peri-</p>

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		locations during impermissible hours of operation; and must not be stored, parked, or left overnight on any public street or sidewalk.	<p>ods of time. Most mobile food vendors operate at multiple locations throughout a region and not from a fixed base.</p> <p>POSSIBLE CHANGE(S): Allow mobile food vending units to remain on a permitted site.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION: Revise to allow mobile food vendors to remain on-site.</p>
Oppose requiring lot owner to also obtain permit	17	<p><u>Section 12-33(6)a.</u></p> <p><i>Lot Owner Permit.</i> An application for approval of the location of a mobile food vending business must be submitted to the City Clerk by the owner of record of any lot proposed to accommodate one or more mobile food vendors. The application for a lot owner mobile food vending permit shall be reviewed and approved by the Planning and Development Department. A lot owner mobile food vending permit is required to be renewed annually.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Under the Jacksonville Beach Land Development Code, the owner is presumed to be responsible for activities on their property. Procedurally, when a code violation occurs, City staff will informally address the issue with the particular business of tenant. If the violation persists, a formal notice is sent to the owner of the property. 2. Requiring a lot owner permit allows for zoning review and designates the location as an approved mobile food vending location. <p>POSSIBLE CHANGE(S): (1) Include an owner’s authorization on the mobile food vendor permit with language set forth his/her responsibilities, but don’t charge a fee. (2) Do not require a lot owner to obtain a separate permit.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION: No change, but only charge lot owners a nominal permit fee (\$25/year).</p>

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Oppose separation requirement from brick & mortar restaurant	16	<p><u>Section 12-33(2)b.</u></p> <p><u>Mobile food vendors must be located at least one-hundred (100) feet from the main entrance to any eating establishment or similar food service business, one-hundred (100) feet from any outdoor dining area,</u> and fifty (50) feet from any other permitted mobile food vendor location, as measured from the designated location on the lot accommodating the mobile food vendor. This separation shall apply only during the normal hours of operation of the eating establishment or similar food service business, outdoor dining area, or other permitted mobile food vendor location.</p>	<p>Most of the mobile food vending regulations that the City reviewed in developing this proposal have a separation requirement.</p> <p>POSSIBLE CHANGE(S): (1) Reduce the separation distance. (2) Eliminate the separation requirement.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION: No change.</p>
Favor allowing more vendors at one location	10	<p><u>Section 12-33(2)a.(i)&(ii)</u></p> <p>A mobile food vendor may only be located on a lot containing a principal building or use, and the maximum number of mobile food vendors per lot is limited as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum of one (1) mobile food vendor on lots of one acre or less; • Maximum of two (2) mobile food vendors on lots over one acre. 	<p>In Jacksonville Beach, many free-standing, existing businesses are on very small lots. Some are as small as 50' x 120', and are developed with building and parking to the maximum extent allowed by local codes. It actually would make sense to prohibit mobile food vending on lots that are less than ¼ of an acre.</p> <p>A typical city block in Jacksonville Beach is 262' x 300', or 1.8 acres in size. So, almost every one of the larger strip shopping centers could accommodate two mobile food vendors under the proposed regulations.</p> <p>POSSIBLE CHANGE(S): Consider revising this sec-</p>

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			<p>tion to prohibit mobile food vending on very small lots, but change the criteria to allow more units on larger lots. Add a section to allow multiple (unlimited?) units on larger lots a fixed number of times per year (four?) to allow for occasional “food truck rallies.”</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION: Revise section as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No mobile food vending allowed on lots having less than 6,000 sq. ft. of area. • Maximum of one (1) mobile food vendor on lots have 6,000 to 14,999 sq. ft. of area. • Maximum of two (2) mobile food vendors on lots having 15,000 to 43,560 sq. ft. of area. • Maximum of three (3) mobile food vendors on lot having over 43,560 sq. ft. of area.
Favor only requiring same licensing and permits as brick & mortar restaurants	6	<p><u>Section 12-33(6)a. & (6)b.</u></p> <p><i>Lot Owner Permit.</i> An application for approval of the location of a mobile food vending business must be submitted to the City Clerk by the owner of record of any lot proposed to accommodate one or more mobile food vendors. The application for a lot owner mobile food vending permit shall be reviewed and approved by the Planning and Development Department. A lot owner mobile food vending permit is required to be renewed annually.</p>	<p>The Lot Owner permit is required to ensure that the <u>location</u> is a matter of record. It puts a lot owner who agrees to host a mobile food vendor on notice that they are subject to enforcement action for violations of the mobile food vending regulations in the same way that they are subject to such actions for any brick and mortar business operating on their property.</p> <p>It is presumed that the owner of a mobile food vending unit may seek permits to operate at multiple locations within the City, thus creating the need for a separate permit. There is no prohibition against a mobile food vendor covering the cost of the lot owner permit for any of the locations</p>

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		<p>Mobile Food Vendor Permit. A City of Jacksonville Beach business tax receipt for the mobile food vending business must be obtained; and all required State of Florida, Duval County, and City of Jacksonville Beach permits, licenses, and business tax receipt must be clearly displayed on the mobile food vending vehicle or unit. Prior to the issuance of a City of Jacksonville Beach mobile food vending business tax receipt, the vendor must provide evidence of having obtained all applicable State of Florida and Duval County licenses and permits, and obtained approval from the City of Jacksonville Beach Public Works Department of the method for the disposal of grease within an approved grease disposal facility. A mobile food vending business tax receipt permit is required to be renewed annually.</p>	<p>where they intend to operate.</p> <p>POSSIBLE CHANGE(S):</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION: No change, but set lot owner permit fee at \$25/year.</p>
Favor allowing for food truck rallies	5	<p><u>Section 12-33(2)a.(i)&(ii)</u></p> <p>A mobile food vendor may only be located on a lot containing a principal building or use, and the maximum number of mobile food vendors per lot is limited as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum of one (1) mobile food vendor on lots of one acre or less; • Maximum of two (2) mobile food vendors on lots over one acre. 	<p>The intent of these regulations to begin slowly and then allow expansion of the mobile food vending industry. Limiting the permitted locations to private, improved properties and capping the number at a location would help accomplish this. Mobile food vendors may participate in many of the festivals that occur on City sites throughout the year, and are not precluded from seeking a permit for a “food truck rally” under the adopted policies.</p> <p>POSSIBLE CHANGE(S): Revise the numeric limits as follows:</p>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No mobile food vending allowed on lots having less than 6,000 sq. ft. of area. • Maximum of one (1) mobile food vendor on lots have 6,000 to 14,999 sq. ft. of area. • Maximum of two (2) mobile food vendors on lots having 15,000 to 43,560 sq. ft. of area. • Maximum of three (3) mobile food vendors on lot having over 43,560 sq. ft. of area. <p>RECOMMENDATION: Change number allowed per site as noted, but delay allowing more than three units on a lot for the time being.</p>
Favor allowing them to provide seating	4	<p><u>Section 12-33(3)</u></p> <p>Outdoor seating areas associated with a mobile food vending operation are only permitted on lots one (1) acre or greater in size.</p>	<p>Again, this limitation was included in consideration of the small lots and limited number of parking spaces provided by many businesses in the City.</p> <p>POSSIBLE CHANGE(S): Revise to allow outdoor seating.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION: Revise to allow outdoor seating regardless of lot size.</p>
Favor allowing them to operate later: 2:30 a.m. 3:00 a.m. 3:30 a.m.	<p><u>3</u></p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p>	<p><u>Section 12-33(4)a.</u></p> <p><u>Hours of operation are limited to the hours between 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m.</u></p> <p>unless the designated location on the lot accommodating the mobile food vendor is located within one-hundred and fifty (150) feet of the property line of a dwelling unit in a residential zoning district in which case the hours of oper-</p>	<p>Intended to coincide with closing time for alcohol related businesses. From a policing standpoint, allowing mobile food vendors to operate past 2 a.m. extends the time that the JBPD has work the area. The JBPD’s current shift change occurs at 3 a.m. and the department may incur some overtime expense if officer are needed to remain on duty until the mobile vendors close down.</p> <p>POSSIBLE CHANGE(S): Extend the closing time to</p>

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		ation are limited to the hours between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.	<p>2:30 a.m. to provide time for persons to get something to eat before driving off in a vehicle.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION: Extend hours of operation until 2:30 a.m. to allow some sales after the 2:00 a.m. closing time, but avoid incurring overtime costs.</p>
Favor no separation requirement from another vendor	3	<p><u>Section 12-33(2)b.</u></p> <p>Mobile food vendors must be located at least one-hundred (100) feet from the main entrance to any eating establishment or similar food service business, one-hundred (100) feet from any outdoor dining area, and <u>fifty (50) feet from any other permitted mobile food vendor location, as measured from the designated location on the lot accommodating the mobile food vendor.</u> This separation shall apply only during the normal hours of operation of the eating establishment or similar food service business, outdoor dining area, or other permitted mobile food vendor location.</p>	<p>During the City’s research into the mobile food vending issue, many of the jurisdictions surveyed enforced a separation requirement of some form from the location of a brick and mortar establishment. The Raleigh ordinance that was used as a model for this proposal included the separation requirement between mobile food vending units. Note that it only applies when the brick and mortar establishment is open, and many of those close at 10 or 11 p.m. at the latest.</p> <p>POSSIBLE CHANGE(S): Eliminate the separation requirement between mobile food vending units.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION: Delete separation requirement between units.</p>
Concern about what is the fee going to be?	2		<p>Jacksonville Beach adopts application and permit fees by resolution usually at the 2nd reading and adoption of an ordinance calling for a new fee.</p> <p>Restaurants with 1 to 74 seats in Jacksonville Beach pay \$79.20 per year per location. That is the minimum amount any business pays, so that would likely be the amount that would be charged.</p>

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			<p>The Lot Owner Permit is a new category. Because it provides only for approval of the location for the mobile food vending unit(s), it would likely be a nominal amount (\$25) to help defray the cost of processing the application.</p> <p>POSSIBLE CHANGE(S):</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION: Adopt amendment to City Business Tax Receipt fee schedule setting Lot Owner fee at \$25/year and Mobile Food Vending fee at \$79.20/year/location.</p>
<p>Concern about separation from driveways, road intersections, public utility assets, etc.</p>	<p>2</p>	<p><u>Section12-33(2)c. & (2)d.</u></p> <p>Mobile food vendors are not allowed to locate within a required sight triangle at the intersection of a driveway, alleyway, or public street with another public street as set forth in Chapter 34 of this Code of Ordinances; or within five (5) feet of public sidewalk, utility box or vault, handicapped ramp, building entrance, or exit or emergency access/exit way; and must not locate within any area of the lot that impedes, endangers, or interferes with pedestrian or vehicular traffic. Mobile food vendors must be located a minimum distance of fifteen (15) feet in all directions of a fire hydrant.</p> <p>Mobile food vendors and associated</p>	<p>These are standard separation requirements applicable to all businesses and/or vehicle use areas. Most of them are established by the Land Development Code or other city codes (Fire, Life Safety, Utility, etc.), but are reiterated in the Mobile Food Vending Code to provide notice to lot owners and operators. The second paragraph is to draw attention that some off-street parking spaces may fall under a joint use agreement where businesses that are open at different times of the day share parking spaces. Under this proposal, a business is free to cede the use of some of their spaces to a mobile food vendor, but cannot allocate spaces that are under contract to a third party. Occupying handicapped spaces is a violation of state law.</p> <p>POSSIBLE CHANGE(S):</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION: No change.</p>

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		seating, if any, may not occupy parking spaces that may be leased to other businesses and uses to fulfill their minimum parking requirements. Mobile food vendors may not occupy any handicap accessible parking space.	
Favor not allowing on public property or right of ways	1		No response. RECOMMENDATION: No change.
Favor allowing some free-standing signage	1	<u>Section 12-33(3)</u> Free-standing signage ... not permitted as part of a mobile food vending operation.	The city currently only allows sandwich board type signs in the Central Business District zone. POSSIBLE CHANGE(S): Allow a sandwich or menu board sign near the mobile food vending unit, but not in the public right of way. RECOMMENDATION: Revise to allow a sandwich board type sign indicating the mobile food vendor's menu selections and pricing, but prohibit from being placed on a public right of way or public property.
Favor allowing for some reasonable amplified sound	1	<u>Section 12-33(3)</u> ... audio amplification ... not permitted as part of a mobile food vending operation.	Except for a number of outdoor restaurant/bar locations that are grandfathered, the City of Jacksonville Beach does not permit any amplified sound at such establishments.
Favor limiting to areas where they are not directly competitive with brick & mortar restaurants	1	<u>Section 12-33(2)b.</u> <u>Mobile food vendors must be located at least one-hundred (100) feet from the main entrance to any eating establishment or similar food service business, one-hundred (100) feet from any out-</u>	No response. RECOMMENDATION: No change.

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		<p>door dining area, and fifty (50) feet from any other permitted mobile food vendor location, as measured from the designated location on the lot accommodating the mobile food vendor. This separation shall apply only during the normal hours of operation of the eating establishment or similar food service business, outdoor dining area, or other permitted mobile food vendor location.</p>	
<p>Favor allowing them to stay open past 10:00 p.m. when close to residential uses if brick & mortar restaurants are allowed to stay open</p>	<p>1</p>	<p><u>Section 12-33(4)a.</u></p> <p>Hours of operation are limited to the hours between 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m. <u>unless the designated location on the lot accommodating the mobile food vendor is located within one-hundred and fifty (150) feet of the property line of a dwelling unit in a residential zoning district in which case the hours of operation are limited to the hours between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.</u></p>	<p>The City has always been committed to protect the peace and quiet of its residential areas. While there is no specific prohibition against locating an the outdoor part of a restaurant close to a dwelling, as conditional uses, the Planning Commission has the authority to regulate the hours of operation if they deem it necessary.</p> <p>For most of the zones where Mobile Food Vending is proposed to be allowed, 150 ft. equals 3 lots.</p> <p>POSSIBLE CHANGE(S): Eliminate the separation requirement, change the hours, or increase the distance.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION: No change</p>

**MESSAGES IN SUPPORT OF AND PROVIDING SPECIFIC COMMENTS
ON ALLOWING MOBILE FOOD VENDING**

	Message
1	<p>We support allowing food trucks in Jacksonville Beach and feel that it would in no way hurt the business of local eateries. The City should be flexible and encouraging to the food truck vendors and allow them to operate with an open policy. We would like to further see:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - allowing operation until 3AM - provisions for multiple trucks at a single location - trucks allowed on vacant properties if zoned correctly - allowing portable tables and chairs. <p>Allowing the food trucks to operate and test the potential market for their services makes sense in this economy where an inexpensive option for dining out would be welcome. Creating an atmosphere of welcoming new ideas and businesses who have the desire to be a part of the community is what the City should be focusing on. Not restricting and prohibiting them from adding a viable alternative to the service industry. Please keep an open mind and an open policy when dealing with these issues. Less government interference would be welcome. Giving the businesses a chance to succeed if the market is positively responsive makes sense.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration. Terry and Ann Simmons 4110 Ponte Vedra Blvd. Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250</p>
2	<p>Re: Jacksonville Beach Mobile Food Truck Draft Vending Regulations</p> <p>As Jacksonville Food Truck owners we are thrilled that Jacksonville Beach is considering allowing the trucks to vend at the Beach. We feel this is a great step forward in adding even more to such a great city and would love the opportunity to bring our business to the beach.</p> <p>I understand the trucks and brick and mortar restaurants have different stances, but all we would like is to coexist and be treated equal to the restaurants. We have found when working together at events with the other trucks it brings out the best in all of us. As always, we want our product to be the best and draw the most customers, and we work hard to do all of those things. All of the truck owners are friendly competitors and being together at these events brings in more business and friendly competition. How is it that we can do this multiple times a month and all have record number business days, but brick and mortar restaurants don't want us around? Something new and exciting in the area will draw even more attention to their business and will bring in more customers for them as well.</p> <p>There are a few items in the draft that we would like to address and give our thoughts.</p> <p>*We would like for some additional thought be put toward the restriction of the vehicle not able to be stored on the permitted site. I agree that there needs to be some restrictions on this and the vehicles need to continue to be mobile, but an expense that I think a lot of people underestimate of the trucks is our rent fees. If we have negotiated an agreement with a lot owner to vend on their property there is a 99.9% chance that we will be paying a hefty fee and in some cases they would allow us to store the vehicle on their lot as well. If this restriction stays in place, we would then need to lease three separate properties: a vending location, vehicle storage location and a commissary location, which to us is a necessity. This does not even include the additional event/rent fees we pay for each special event that we do and gas traveling from each location.</p> <p>*We also feel the restriction of having one truck per acre on a piece of land should be reconsidered. I am hoping at least one member of the city council</p>

	<p>has had the opportunity to experience an event where all of the food trucks in Jacksonville have been together for a rally or event. These events bring out a great, positive crowd and we feel being able to do events like that in Jacksonville Beach would create such an exciting and different dining experience for the community.</p> <p>*The lot owner having to secure an additional mobile food vending permit we believe is a little excessive. Perhaps it could be reconsidered to be similar to the transient merchant permitting in Duval County, where the mobile vendor secures the permit after submitting a notarized letter from the property owner.</p> <p>We are very happy that Jacksonville Beach has given so much thought into the possibility of Food Trucks at the beach. We look forward to seeing what progresses!</p> <p>Thank you, Andrew and Kelly Ferenc, Owners On the Fly Sandwiches & Stuff Chef Andrew & Kelly Ferenc On the Fly Sandwiches & Stuff</p>
3	<p>Steve,</p> <p>The Pita Pit is definitely interested in the idea of a food truck. In reading the proposal attached, I would have to disagree with the restriction of the number of food trucks able to be in an area at once. The main idea behind food trucks is convenience and comradery. Food trucks do not look at other food trucks as competition but rather as family, thus bringing much of the beaches together. If there was an area where they could all park, rather than restricting the numbers of participants, it would bring more business to the beaches as the consumers would have a variety to choose from.</p> <p>Thank you, Christina Dziejicki</p>
4	<p>Good morning,</p> <p>As a Jacksonville resident and frequent visitor to the beaches, I would like to offer some comments on the draft Mobile Food Vending Regulations listed at http://www.jacksonvillebeach.org/sites/default/files/documents/Plan_Dev/mobile_food_vendors1.pdf</p> <p>While I greatly appreciate that allowing food trucks at the beach at all is a great step forward, I have some concerns over some of the regulations listed. Specifically,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food trucks should be allowed to be located on empty lots ○ If the lot is (a) privately-owned, (b) empty, (c) clean, and (d) the food truck has the permission of the owner of the lot, why should a food truck be prohibited from parking on the lot and conducting business? They would be providing a service in a location that previously was providing no value to the city or its inhabitants. • Food trucks should be allowed to be stored overnight on the same commercial lot they served from ○ As long as this is in accordance with any other statutes that may exist around storing large vehicles, does the inclusion of food really matter? • Commercial property owners whose zoning allows for the sale and service of food should not be required to obtain an additional permit to allow a food truck on their property for a use already allowed by right • Food trucks should not be restricted from operating within a certain distance from an existing brick and mortar restaurant ○ Are brick and mortar restaurants restricted from opening right next door to another restaurant? If not, then it should not be a problem for a food truck to operate near a brick and mortar restaurant as well. If the restaurant is any good, the food truck would likely even increase the business of the restaurant.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food trucks should not be restricted from operating within a certain distance from another food truck. ○ There have been a number of events downtown recently (JaxTruckies food truck meetup and Community First Saturdays are just two examples of many) where numerous food trucks have come and provided a wonderful experience with lots of people all coming together and enjoying good food and good variety within a relatively small space. They also bring lots of dollars that get fed into the local economy. Bringing food trucks together brings people (and money) to the beaches. <p>Thank you for listening to my suggestions. Again, I am very excited at the prospect of having mobile food vendors at the beaches, and look forward to spending even more time than before at the beaches.</p> <p>William Carlson 12348 Finns Cove Trail Jacksonville, FL 32246</p>
5	<p>After reading over the Draft, I feel that requiring the Lot Owner to obtain a <i>Mobile Food Vendor Permit</i> is unnecessary and a burden to the Lot Owner. The Mobile Food Truck Vendor, by law, <u>should already have the <i>Mobile Food Vendor Permit</i></u>, which means that the Mobile Food Truck Vendor is in compliance and has passed all of the requirements. Remember, the Lot Owner is Not The One Selling the Product, it is the Mobile Food Truck Vendor. So why impose such an unfair and unnecessary permit to the Lot Owner? This simply deters the lot owner from wanting to give permission. What is the next step from here and by when will it all be allowed, after it has been corrected?</p> <p>Thank you Healthy Italian Icees, LLC Alex Porro, Owner</p>
6	<p>Thank you for coming up with the draft regulation regarding mobile food vendors in Jacksonville Beach. For the most part, the proposed rules seem fair. But limiting food trucks to one per acre is too restrictive. This would prohibit special events with multiple food trucks, which have proven to be a huge draw elsewhere. I recommend setting some sort of provision or temporary permit that would allow multiple food trucks for such events.</p> <p>Thanks, Ed Stansel 1015 4th Ave. N. Jacksonville Beach, FL</p>
6A	<p>Upon further examination of the proposed regulations concerning the operation of mobile food vendors in Jacksonville Beach, and after talking to a couple of these vendors, I would like to amend my previous comments on the measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I reiterate my earlier concerns about limiting food trucks to one per acre, and the distance requirements if two food trucks are on a lot larger than an acre. This is blatantly unfair and unrealistic, and would prevent two or more food trucks from serving at special events such as grand openings, etc. - Why are you banning tables and chairs? Does it make a difference to you if customers eat standing? What harm would it do to allow customers to be comfortably seated while enjoying their meal? - I also do not understand why food trucks would not be allowed on vacant lots, even if the property owner approves (and charges rent) and the correct zoning is in place. - Why must the property owner apply for a permit in addition to the permit required of the vendor? This is redundant, unnecessary and unfair, and seems to be an obvious grab for more revenue. The fact that the permit fee is not specified is also a concern. <p>I have heard concerns raised about operating hours (a 2 a.m. cutoff) but frankly, I am not concerned about that, as I don't stay out late and believe that nothing much good happens after midnight.</p>

	<p>I also have heard concerns about mobile vendors being required to maintain a certain distance from driveways, interactions, sidewalks, utility boxes, etc. This would make a lot more sense if the distance was specified. If it's 25 feet, OK. If it's a mile, not so OK.</p> <p>I understand the need to provide some protection for our established brick-and-mortar restaurants, but some of these proposals seem to go above and beyond that, and could make it very difficult for food truck operators to be profitable.</p> <p>Thank you, Ed Stansel 1015 4th Ave. N. Jacksonville Beach, FL</p>
7	<p>I would like to express my support for the proposed draft regulation to allow food trucks to operate within the city of Jacksonville Beach. If you look at other cities where food trucks operate, they are a boon to other businesses and attraction for increased economic growth. I appreciate the City's consideration of this regulation and hope for further amendment in the future to increase the number of food trucks allowed on lots of one acre or larger, no restriction on distance from restaurants, and food trucks should be allowed to operate on empty lots.</p> <p>Thank you, Ashley Knebel</p>
8	<p>I support allowing food trucks at the beach, so long ad they are required to have the same licensing and inspections that the other restaurants must have.</p> <p>Also, they should be limited to areas that are not directly competitive with tax paying brick and mortar locations.</p>
9	<p>Greetings,</p> <p>I'm writing to ask that food trucks be allowed to be located on empty lots in Jax Beach. They should be allowed to be stored overnight on the same commercial lot they served from. Commercial property owners whose zoning allows for the sale and service of food should not be required to obtain an additional permit to allow a food truck on their property for a use already allowed by right. I also feel that food trucks should not be restricted from operating within a certain distance from an existing brick and mortar restaurant.</p> <p>Best, Angelica</p>
10	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I support the following de-regulations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) food trucks should be allowed to be located on empty lots B) food trucks should be allowed to be stored overnight on the same commercial lot they served from C) commercial property owners whose zoning allows for the sale and service of food should not be required to obtain an additional permit to allow a food truck on their property for a use already allowed by right D) food trucks should not be restricted from operating within a certain distance from an existing brick and mortar restaurant <p>Competition is good for restaurants. People who go to food trucks will not be going to brick and mortor restaurants- they serve a different purpose. All regulation to the contrary is high handed unnecessary government involvement.</p> <p>Cassidy Henry</p>
11	<p>To whom it may concern:</p> <p>My name is Shelton Buchanan and I'm writing you today to give my public comments regarding the proposed changes to the food truck regulations of Jacksonville Beach. Let me start of with saying that I appreciate the opportunity to opine on this subject as I am not only a food truck enthusiast but also the former owner and operator of one. I say former because I was forced to shutter my business due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident in</p>

February, 2012. I am not a resident of Jacksonville Beach, but I have resided in Duval County since 2009 and consider this my home. I used to frequent the establishments on Jacksonville Beach, but with the return of paid parking I, like most of the people in this town, have chosen to instead spend my time and money at the Town Center where there is free and considerably more convenient parking.

I'd like to address the following proposals:

- Mobile food vendors would not be allowed on vacant, privately-owned lots or on any public right of ways or properties.
 - While I agree with denying food trucks the right to sell on public right of ways and properties, I wholly disagree with denying them to set up on vacant, privately-owned lots. Vacant lots around Jacksonville Beach today are more than just eyesores, they're an under-utilized source of revenue for the city, county, and state. Instead of vacant lots being used as cheaper parking for the bar crowds on the weekends, with likely none of that revenue being taxed, allowing licensed food trucks to set up there would not only allow the business owners to sell their wares, but by renting the spaces to the food trucks the city or state could see a return in the form taxable income from the lot owners. The city of Austin, TX, is very forward-thinking on this subject, and has actually promoted owners of vacant lots to invite multiple food trucks onto their land, creating outdoor food courts of a sort that are a huge draw for their city.
- One mobile food vendor would be allowed on lots that are one acre or less in size. Two mobile food vendors would be allowed on lots that are over an acre in size.
 - Once again, I must refer to Austin. They maximize the number of food trucks on one acre lots, having up to 5 trucks circled up at a time.
- Mobile food vendors cannot be located within 100 feet of the main entrance to an eating establishment or outdoor dining area, or 50 feet from another mobile food vendor.
 - This rule is just ridiculous and shows the influence the local restaurant community has over the planning commission. If restaurant owners didn't want competition, they shouldn't have gone into business in the first place. If their food is good enough, the people will come to them over the food truck. Forcing consumers to settle for less enjoyable food just because the restaurant owner was afraid of competition isn't fair to the consumer. If you can have 2 restaurants side by side, why not allow a food truck within the same vicinity? It simply screams discrimination.
- No free-standing signage or audio amplification. Outdoor seating only allowed on lots over an acre.
 - To not allow free standing signage denies the food trucks the ability to advertise their location to passersby, which may be necessary if they're obscured from view of the road. Some audio amplification, within reason, should be allowed to allow for the enjoyment of the customers. If one is trying to argue that you can't hear the music from the local bars, that's just ludicrous.
- Mobile food vendors can operate from 7 a.m. to 2 a.m. unless located within 150 feet of dwelling in a residential district (7 a.m. to 10 p.m.).
 - The food trucks should be allowed to operate until at least 2:30 on the weekends to serve the crowds of drunken bar patrons stumbling out of the bars, many of whom sadly then try to drive home. With the trucks being allowed to operate later into the night, these people have a better chance to sober themselves up with food and water or soda before they try and drive. The chance for safer roads should be reason enough to extend the time. With regards to the 10pm closing time for sites within 150 feet of a dwelling, allowing the food trucks to operate in lots with the opportunity to connect to the city power supply, and not run their generators, would greatly reduce the noise concern, and thus should be a reason for them to be allowed to stay open as late as the bars within the same area.
- The vehicle or trailer cannot be stored on the permitted site.
 - This proposal is poorly thought out in that it's encouraging the burning of more fossil fuels to relocate the trucks from their spot at the end of business to their respective storage sites. Allowing the food trucks to remain on a site, especially for just a weekend, will draw more shoppers to the area during the day that would like to eat from a food truck and could also visit the local shops, something they don't have the opportunity to do at night.
- The lot owner is required to obtain a mobile food vending permit and mobile food vendor is required to obtain a Jacksonville Beach Business Tax Receipt in addition to any other state, county, or city permits.

	<p>- The lot owners shouldn't be forced to purchase permits that they would otherwise not be required to get if they rented their spaces to any other type of business. It makes no sense for someone who simply owns a lot to have a mobile food vending permit unless they are operating a food truck themselves.</p> <p>I thank you once again for the opportunity to voice my opinion on this subject, and I hope you take my suggestions and the suggestions of the numerous other food truck supporters under advisement when making your final decision.</p> <p>Sincerely, Shelton P. Buchanan 8787 Southside Blvd. Apt. 3906 Jacksonville, FL 32256</p>
12	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I have reviewed the Draft Mobile Food Vending Regulations document on your website and I am disagreement with some of the verbiage. Please consider the following points as summarized by the group Jax Truckies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) food trucks should be allowed to be located on empty lots B) food trucks should be allowed to be stored overnight on the same commercial lot they served from C) commercial property owners whose zoning allows for the sale and service of food should not be required to obtain an additional permit to allow a food truck on their property for a use already allowed by right D) food trucks should not be restricted from operating within a certain distance from an existing brick and mortar restaurant <p>The Mobile Food Vending industry is on fire right now which is a clear signal that it's what the people want. The limitations that you include in the draft version of your regulations only appear to serve a city that doesn't fully understand the potential revenue, entertainment value, pride, use of vacant or otherwise underutilized property, and sense of community that comes with supporting the food truck movement.</p> <p>I appreciate your time and your consideration of my points as you determine how best to move forward and would urge you to conduct public hearings if you are inclined to accept the regulations as they are currently written.</p> <p>Respectfully, Tim Wysocki</p>
13	<p>To Whom if may concern</p> <p>I feel that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) food trucks should be allowed to be located on empty lots B) food trucks should be allowed to be stored overnight on the same commercial lot they served from C) commercial property owners whose zoning allows for the sale and service of food should not be required to obtain an additional permit to allow a food truck on their property for a use already allowed by right D) food trucks should not be restricted from operating within a certain distance from an existing brick and mortar restaurant <p>Food trucks are small businesses and promoting them helps the local economy. It will also add dynamic food options to the beach community and will bring the local community out to the beaches. The more reasons people from different areas of town have to come out to the beaches, the more the beaches economy will benefit.</p> <p>Dennis Espinosa</p>
14	<p>Food Trucks on private property should have the same rights as restaurants.</p> <p>Enthusiastically, Kailey I. Melton</p>
15	<p>To Whom It May Concern,</p> <p>Food Trucks on private property should have the same rights as restaurants.</p>

	Kindest regards, Mariah Café, Beaches Resident
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17	<p>To whom it may concern, Food Trucks on private property should have the same rights as restaurants. Thank you, John Franks</p>
18	<p>To Whom it may concern, My husband and I are long time residents and voters in Jacksonville Beach. I also work in the beaches area. I'm writing you today to share my support for the allowance of food trucks to operate in our community. These small business owners offer such a wonderful and unique service that we should be celebrating! My husband and I have gone to several events downtown that featured the many wonderful food trucks that are operating in Jacksonville proper, and have enjoyed the food and community building that they create. We love Driftwood BBQ so much that they catered our wedding! I believe that licensed food trucks should have the same rights as brick and mortar restaurants, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The ability to coexist with restaurants. I am opposed to the requirement that they can't operate within 100 feet of another restaurant. 2) The ability to store their trucks at locations overnight. 3) They should be allowed on an empty lot. Food Trucks quickly and efficiently activate unused spaces. 4) The ability to have several food trucks on a property, just as restaurants do. <p>I look forward to seeing us support our local small business owners here at the beach as we allow food trucks to open their windows and serve up their fantastic food! Sincerely, Kelly Trent</p>
19	<p>Hey James, Would greatly appreciate any help in framing the discussion. Looking for Jacksonville Beach residents and business owners to support us. Please e-mail planning@jaxbchfl.net Below is the extended version. The main points are: We want the same rights as restaurant owners. We pay taxes and have the exact same licensing requirements as a bricks & mortar restaurant. The only difference is that we typically don't pay rent. However, we do pay heavy impact fees in the form of gas taxes. Because we are smaller, we do not have the same purchasing power as restaurants--so we pay more for our food. Like a family on a tight budget, we have had to do more with less. We, at Corner Taco, have served as many as 900 tacos in 6 hours with a total staff of 3 people. That's from a trailer that is only 125 square feet. That productivity was born out of necessity. It's simple evolution--We have to adapt in order to survive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) We want the ability to coexist with restaurants. We are opposed to the requirement that we can't operate within 100 feet of another bricks & mortar restaurant.

	<p>2) We want the ability to store our trucks at our location overnight. -Every time we move our trucks, we have to empty out the entire inside and secure the contents for transit. This means moving hundreds of pounds. Imagine camping and having to break the tents and campsite down twice each day only to go to another campsite 1 block away. -This would also require us to lease 2 separate spaces.</p> <p>3) We believe that we should be allowed on an empty lot. Food Trucks quickly and efficiently activate unused spaces. In its current form, we can only operate where there is another non-food business.</p> <p>4) We want the ability to have several food trucks on a property, just as restaurants do. Giving us anything less than the same rights as a restaurant owner is like telling a Citizen that because they pay less in tax than their neighbor, they only get 3/4 of a vote for elected officials. Please treat us as equals, Corner Taco, Monroe's Smokehouse Bar-B-Q & Catering, The Salty Fig, The Happy Grilled Cheese, Smokey J's, Super Food Truck, Gourmet Aviator and Driftwood BBQ</p>
19A	<p>Dear Jacksonville Beach, Thank you I am writing on behalf of several local food trucks. We sincerely appreciate the opportunity to express our views and thank you for considering Food Trucks in Jacksonville Beach:</p> <p>1) With regard to the 100 foot proximity rule: -It is our assertion that any proximity requirement treats us unfairly relative to bricks & mortar restaurants. The only reason for this rule (that we can think of) is to insulate traditional restaurants from competition. One of the basic tenants of a free-market society such as ours is the fact that competition improves value for consumers--in this case, the Citizens of Jacksonville Beach. A proximity requirement not only restricts us from operating in some of the most prime locations, it also reduces the fruits of competition (in the form of better quality and/or lower prices) for our main constituent--the people. If Salt Life Food Shack can be next to Mellow Mushroom, why can't we? While it is true that some other cities that allow food trucks have adopted proximity restrictions, most of these cities have done so because they also allow food trucks on public property. The discussion in Jacksonville Beach is for private property--not public. (While we do think that there are public spaces where food trucks could vend and be an overall positive for The Community). We simply want to co-exist. We don't want to be granted an unfair advantage over restaurants, either. The fact that some of us do not pay rent is no more of an unfair advantage than Delicomb's not having to pay servers while Dwight's Bistro does (and labor takes a bigger piece of the pie than rent). In fact, most of us pay some sort of fee to rent parking spaces or a fee to participate in events. All of us pay heavy "impact fees" in the form of gas taxes.) We don't have the same purchasing power as a restaurant either.</p> <p>2) Regarding the fact that we would not be allowed to park our trucks on a lot overnight: -The DBPR recently amended their requirements so that if a food truck is totally self contained (water, refrigeration, dish sink, etc), we are no longer required to have a Commissary. If we were to purchase or lease an approved site, why should we have to pay to lease a second commercial location where we would store the truck? This would be an impractical expense and an inefficient use of our time.</p> <p>3) We believe that we should be allowed on an empty lot. Food Trucks quickly and efficiently activate unused spaces.</p> <p>4) We want the ability to have several food trucks on a property, just as restaurants do. Giving us anything less than the same rights as a restaurant owner is like telling a Citizen that because they pay less in tax than their neighbor, they only get 3/4 of a vote for elected officials. Please treat us as equals,</p>

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22	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>Please give great consideration to allowing food trucks in Jax Beach. As a local resident, I think it would be a great attribute to the beaches. They would be a good revenue source and great attraction. Most major cities allow them. Let's bring some more life to the beach.</p> <p>I feel that</p> <p>A) food trucks should be allowed to be located on empty lots</p> <p>B) food trucks should be allowed to be stored overnight on the same commercial lot they served from</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>Jamie Giorello Business Development Consultant</p>
23	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I am currently contemplating starting a new mobile food truck business and I am in favor of allowing more access for food truck and ultimately something is better than nothing at all. I do have a few concerns after reading the draft ordinance.</p> <p>First, concerning the lot business owner having to get a permit in addition to the food truck operator is, in my opinion, another unneeded obstacle that an operator has to navigate while trying to find a profitable location at the beach. While many of the regulations in the draft have fairly obvious reason, I have a harder time seeing the reasoning for this. A business owner is much less likely to allow a vendor on site if they have to be regulated or licensed also and these businesses are already operating within its associated regulations and are licensed to run their business, and assuming that the food truck is also in compliance they too are licensed to operate at the location. This regulation makes even less sense if the existing business is also a food vendor.</p> <p>That leads me to my next concern, if a food truck is given permission to operate within the minimum distance of another food vendor why can there not be a process to allow local business to cooperate with each other without red tape that prevents it.</p> <p>Lastly, the regulation that prevents operation on vacant lots is understandable for most day to day operations as the community would like to maximize the benefit it would see from a brick and mortar business. Could there be any exceptions in place during special events when a lot of beach restaurants are near or over capacity due to the large volumes of people?</p> <p>Again I am very new to this argument and I am all for protecting existing businesses I would just like to see less "hurdles" for mobile trucks that do not</p>

	<p>benefit involved parties. Thank you for addressing this issue. Steven Yee</p>
24	<p>Food trucks should be allowed at Jax Beach. I rarely visit Jax Beach but would visit more often if food trucks were allowed. While I was there I would most likely visit some brick and mortar restaurants for a drink as well as other stores in the area. Food trucks would only increase visitors to the beach, not hurt other restaurants.</p> <p>I feel that</p> <p>A) food trucks should be allowed to be located on empty lots B) food trucks should be allowed to be stored overnight on the same commercial lot they served from C) commercial property owners whose zoning allows for the sale and service of food should not be required to obtain an additional permit to allow a food truck on their property for a use already allowed by right D) food trucks should not be restricted from operating within a certain distance from an existing brick and mortar restaurant</p>
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26	<p>Please bring the FOOD TRUCKS to Jax Beach! I currently work around town and am excited when I'm able to try a different one around downtown, however it would be nice to enjoy a day at the beach and be able to stop by one of the trucks! Unlike franchise restaurants these trucks offer more unique and healthier food choices.</p> <p>Food trucks should be allowed to be located on empty lots since there are a lot of them. Jax Beach does not offer a lot of outdoor eating. Food trucks should be allowed to be stored overnight on the same commercial lot they served from since Jax Beach is small and is flooded with cops. Commercial property owners whose zoning allows for the sale and service of food should not be required to obtain an additional permit to allow a food truck on their property for a use already allowed by right Food trucks should not be restricted from operating within a certain distance from an existing brick and mortar restaurant Let's get these trucks to Jax Beach so they can build their business and give our community more eating options and to boost Jax Beaches MORALE! Thanks!</p>
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29	See Letter to the Editor below:

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Jacksonville Beach proposed food truck ordinance makes it impossible for trucks to be profitable here

To the editor:

As you know the city of Jax Beach has finally come up with a Proposed Food Truck Ordinance. Many Food Truck Operators that I talked with agree with me that this ordinance is a farce and that it would be impossible for any food truck to be profitable in Jax Beach under these rules. It's like a city official just threw together a bunch of vague rules to brag that "Jax Beach will now let food trucks operate at the Beach!"- yet let's make it impossible for them and do what we can to discourage any truck wanting to set up at the beach.

Here are some of the points I have come up regarding this ordinance:

Food truck operators agree that the way this proposed Food Truck Ordinance is written - that it is nearly Impossible for a food truck to prosper in Jax Beach.

The following are just some of the anti- truck operation points:

1. Food Trucks can only serve up to 2 a.m. When bars and clubs close at 2 a.m., both customers and employees who are looking for somewhere to stop and grab a bite will have to go elsewhere as food trucks must shut down at the same time bars close their doors. Even if a food truck is operating in the parking lot of a bar, it has to shut down at 2 a.m. Food truck operators in other cities, including Jax, do 90 percent or more of their late night business from 2 to 3 a.m. This ordinance all but discourages late night truck operations. Bar patrons and employees must go to the usual suspects - Taco Bell, McDonald's and Waffle House. Trucks should be permitted to stay open until 3:30 a.m. .

2. Trucks cannot be permitted to operate on a vacant lot, even if it is zoned for a food truck. This makes no sense; if the property owner wants to rent a space on their vacant lot, what difference does it make? This eliminates all those parcels.

3. Property owners must also file for a permit as well as the food truck operator for each property used. This is ridiculous - why would the property owner have to leave his/her place of business and go to J ax Beach City Hall to pay for an additional permit as well as the food truck operator? The lot is either zoned or not zoned - the city officials already know the limited number of parcels that are properly zoned for a food truck. I can't see any business owner constantly leaving their place of business to fill out permit applications every time they agree to host a food truck. On top of that, the proposed ordinance does not address the fees BOTH the property owner and food truck operator MUST PAY THE CITY each time they work a property. Will it cost \$10 or \$200? That's just a surprise that city officials will spring onus once the ordinance is approved. The city of Jax, as well as most other cities, only require the food truck to obtain an annual permit that allows the food truck to vend on city of Jax right-away as well as private property as long as it is properly zoned.

4. If the parcel is one acre or less, only ONE food truck is permitted and that food truck is NOT ALLOWED to provide tables or chairs for customers to sit and enjoy their food - yet if the property is larger than one acre, the food truck can provide tables and chairs. Good luck finding that lot! What difference does it make about the size of the lot dictates whether you can provide tables or chairs? It's a fact that the majority of customers' that frequent food trucks like to be able to sit down and eat; we are not drive-thru, Customers have to seek us out; park their car and get out to walk up to our window to order.

5. Lots that are smaller than one acre are only permitted to have ONE truck. Lots larger than one acre are permitted to have a maximum of TWO trucks and they have to be at least 50 feet apart! This totally eliminates food truck round-ups of four or five trucks that are done all over the country.

6. "Mobile food vendors are required to maintain a certain distance from driveway or street intersections, public sidewalks, utility boxes ..." What is a "certain distance?" Is it 10 feet or 100 feet? Who and what determines this? Heck, there is a sidewalk, driveway, intersection and a utility box everywhere! This proposed ordinance is drawn up to deter profitable food truck operations in Jax Beach. There are way too many questionable points that need to be addressed before this ordinance is approved.

It looks good on the outside, but the details make it impossible for a food truck to be sustained in Jax Beach. Yes, Jax Beach city officials can proclaim that "We are going to allow food trucks in Jax Beach!" But all the food truck operators I've talked to said they have no interest in the very limited options being proposed in Jax Beach under this current proposal.

Ron Perry Sr.

Jacksonville

Owner-operator of Dagwood's Original 1976 Food Truck

MESSAGES IN SUPPORT OF ALLOWING MOBILE FOOD VENDING

MESSAGE [E-Mail Addresses Removed]	
1	<p>Please allow food trucks at the beach. Food trucks have become a phenomenon and it will bring visitors to your city. I am from Jacksonville and would love to have more easy going restaurant choices while visiting the beach.</p> <p>Thank You, Meghan Alexander</p>
2	<p>Hi.</p> <p>I am a home owner in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p>I was recently made aware of a vote coming up that would allow food trucks onto business/personal property if invited to be there by the owners. I think this is a great idea!</p> <p>By requiring an invite by the property owner, we ensure the control of these trucks.</p> <p>While I agree the food trucks shouldn't be allowed anywhere, at any time on anyone's property - at will.....</p> <p>...I do support them coming to an event at the property owners invitation Let's not be silly and restrictive.</p> <p>Thank you, Laura Ali</p>
3	<p>I am a resident of Neptune Beach and strongly support the ability for food trucks to set up at the beaches. Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>Barry Milligan Sales & Marketing Manager SMG Jacksonville Sports and Entertainment Venues</p>
4	<p>Good morning,</p> <p>I would love to see food trucks on Jacksonville Beach. would go a long way to making that area have a different, more mature crowd on a consistent basis.</p> <p>Thank you, Michael Thomas</p>
5	<p>Dear Staff,</p> <p>Please consider allowing food trucks into Jacksonville Beach. I enjoy the uniqueness they bring to Jacksonville, and I would love to see them bring business to your city as well. Thank 7ou for your time.</p> <p>Sincerely yours, Wendi Whipkey Candidate for Juris Doctor - May 2013 Florida Coastal School of Law</p>
6	<p>Good morning,</p> <p>I am writing to request that the city planners allow Jacksonville Beach to participate in the food truck phenomenon that is sweeping the nation! (All the cool cities are doing it)</p> <p>Please allow food trucks to be a part of Jacksonville Beach, and allow them the same rights as restaurants so they can be successful and provide us with yummy food options.</p> <p>Thank you, Carmen Collins, Jacksonville (Just over The Ditch)</p>
7	<p>Planning Board -</p> <p>I hope that you will consider allowing food trucks in Jax Beach. I have patronised several of the trucks and not only is the food outstanding, but the trucks are clean and sanitary, and the service is excellent.</p> <p>I recently moved to JAX Beach but work downtown, so far my daily desination for lunch is a food truck...</p>

	I would like to see them treated fairly. Regards, Margie
8	I recently went to San Francisco and was amazed at how much I enjoyed the food trucks. It was some of the best food I had in my week there and was only a fraction of the price. I assume the fear is that it will take away from the local restaurants. Competition is what drives our country and us as humans. As a lifelong resident of Jax Beach please consider allowing food trucks! Taylor Wood, Implementation Manager
9	I believe food trucks would be a great addition to the beaches. Please allow food trucks in Jacksonville beaches! Kaci Halstead
10	A pro business mindset would allow the addition if food trucks. Trucks bring people, people spend money.
11	Please open up the beaches to food trucks. We are missing out on all they have to offer. Thank you, Jack Carter <i>Warehouse Lending Manager</i> Atlantic Coast Bank
12	Please consider allowing food trucks in Jax Beach. It will revitalize this area, which currently has run down bars and weak food options. The food on these trucks is outstanding and affordable. An excellent option for the beach! Regards, Dr. Michael Bovenzi
13	Food Trucks should be at the beach and should have the same rights as restaurants. Matt Moyer, Jacksonville, FL
14	Food Trucks should be at the beach and should have the same rights as restaurants. They would be a great addition and would keep people at the beach longer. Thank you, Chris Kiernan, Jax Beach Resident
15	I support food trucks at the beaches. Earleen Hayes
16	Please change zoning rules at Jax Beach to allow food trucks. We are frequent visitors to the beaches area and would welcome the opportunity to visit a variety of food truck. The food choices at Jax Beach are limited, and it would be a great draw to the area for residents and beach goers to have more choices. Thank you Pip Randall
17	Would LOVE food trucks at Jax Beach!!! Please!!!
18	To whom it may concern, I recently heard that a vote is being held to decide if food trucks will be allowed at Jacksonville Beach. For what it's worth, my family and I spend a lot of time at the beach and would love to have the food trucks available. The convenience and nostalgia of the trucks would go along way in welcoming visitors and one more opportunity to spoil those of us who have supported the Beach community for years. Thanks for your time! Dyan Gronczniak
19	I have been a resident of the beaches for 56 years and I support having food trucks at the beach. Linda Tester, 22 Sandra Drive, JB

20	Good afternoon! I read in today's paper that the food trucks may have the opportunity to gather and hold their events here in Jax Beach. We really enjoyed them when we lived in Oviedo, FL and hope that they can make an appearance here once in a while. Thank you, Judy Kubala
21	PLEASE ALLOW FOOD TRUCKS AT THE BEACH Karen & Micheal Meagher
22	Please allow food trucks at the beach.
23	This would be so positive for our community! Having traveled other cities with Food Trucks & Food Truck Villages, I've seen" first hand" how this would be such a draw for locals and visitors alike. Plus Plus for the Beaches! Patsy Graham King Industrial Realty/CORFAC International 11555 Central Parkway, Ste. 502 Jacksonville, Florida 32224
24	Sir or Madam, I whole heartily support food trucks selling their food at the beach. Chuck H. C. Harcrow, NewCom Real Estate Services, LLC
25	Please thoughtfully consider allowing food trucks to operate in Jax Beach. Thank You.
26	Please consider allowing food trucks in Jax Beach. They are not a threat to brick & mortar restaurants. Rather, they stimulate an environment which contributes to all businesses while providing a unique eating opportunity for our residents. Thank you for your consideration.
27	I think food trucks should be allowed to work in Jax Beach if they can work in Jax (so have health code checks and whatever else Jax requires).
28	Yes, if health standards r regulated and traffic is not congested MM Ryan
29	Please bring food trucks to Jax Beach!!!! What a cool, fun element it would add to our downtown!!! Erin Lambremont, Jacksonville beach resident
30	I vote YES for food trucks - they are the wave of the future and we need to support them in our community!
31	I think it would be great.
32	Please allow food trucks in Jax Beach. I'm a resident and own my house at 20 Sandra Dr. I travel all the way to downtown to eat at the trucks. The trucks have high quality variety and provide a unique experience that cannot be matched by a brick and mortar restaurant. Jennifer Mitchell
33	Would love to see food trucks come to our town. I am a Jacksonville Beach resident(live at 3408 Sanctuary Blvd 32250). Thanks
34	Yes, definitely it is needed at the beach. There are very few food choices that are in the more affordable range in the area south of Beach Blvd. It would be a great fit for the community and a perfect location. I speak for many families at the beach that are tired of hot dogs and Mexican food. Let's do it now!!!
35	Bring it on. There are so few places to eat cheaply, particularly in South Jax Beach. Besides Mexican fare and Krystal, there is nothing at the south end. We would welcome any and all trucks. It brings customers to the retail stores at this end and would be a win-win for everyone. Let's do it! Paula Rosenblatt, Ocean Cay resident
36	Yes, please allow food trucks at the beach. Great addition for beach goers!

	Susan Leslie
37	I support food trucks in Jax Beach
38	We are in full support of allowing food trucks to be able to serve on or near the beaches. Bruce/linda vacca
39	Love them downtown. What a boon it would be to Jax beaches to have them there Would definitely buy from them-food is excellent and convenient. High quality. Please seriously consider this-they are an asset to the community and long over due. Thanks!
40	I support having food trucks at Jax Beach. I believe that, if well done, it would add to the fun atmosphere of the area. (See the food trucks program on The Food Channel)
41	Please keep the food trucks rolling into town!
42	I am FOR food trucks in Jacksonville Beach!
43	I think food trucks should be allowed in Jacksonville beach and be given the same rights as a restaurant. Christina Kilpatrick
44	I am writing to show my support to the Jacksonville Food trucks and their desire to sell food in Jax Beach. As a resident, I am in full support and can't wait till they are serving food out here at the beach! Thanks, Sarah Roberts
45	Food trucks belong at Jax beach!!!!!! Food Trucks on private property should have the same rights as restaurants. Dena Vaccaro
46	Hello. My name is Amanda Billy, and I am a Jacksonville resident. I write because I believe food trucks deserve the same rights as brick-and-mortar restaurants. I believe food trucks can do more than coexist with restaurants; I think they can boost traffic and activity in an area, and help to revitalize it. Downtown Jacksonville is a prime example of this. I hope you'll support the area food trucks. Best, Amanda
47	Hello, I am writing to express my support of allowing food trucks in Jacksonville Beach. I feel the city should embrace competition and increase options for the public, especially during this economic climate. I also view Food Trucks as a great stepping stone where entrepreneurs can begin their food business, and possibly add to the existing restaurant landscape down the road. Thanks, Mark Graeser
48	Please allow food trucks to operate in Jacksonville Beach. Thanks, Rick Vach, Jacksonville
49	Please consider having food trucks at the beach. They give us a good alternative to fast food, and really add character to the area. It would not dissuade me from eating at a restaurant. I do not see them as being competitive. When I am ready to sit down and share a meal with a friend, I will still choose the restaurant. Let them in. It's the right thing for our community Kim Sears 4240 Duval drive Jacksonville beach, fl
50	Hi It's about time that Jacksonville Beach recognized the value of food trucks -- to our residents (like me) who want to patronize them locally instead of driving into Jacksonville to do so, and to the economy. Please consider making it easy for food trucks to service their willing clients, locally.

	Thanks for your consideration. Gerry
51	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I would like to express my support of the City allowing food trucks to operate in Jacksonville Beach. These trucks offer consumers the option of dining on site at places like breweries, where food is not served yet refreshments are. The food trucks that operate in Duval county are far superior to the 1980's "roach coach" style trucks, and they are tax paying businesses just like any other restaurant at the beach. I believe the city should seriously consider bringing food trucks to Jax Beach for good, it will do wonders for our local economy.</p> <p>Thanks, Sean Shapiro, Jacksonville Beach Resident</p>
52	<p>As a Jacksonville Beach resident I think that allowing food trucks would be great for our community. Please grant them the same rights as a normal restaurant.</p> <p>Thanks, Patrick</p>
53	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I moved here last year from Hollywood, FL. Food trucks are only going to help people visit the beach more often. I don't want fast food because I want to keep my beach body and I don't want a sit down restaurant because I'm at the beach. I feel that having the food trucks would bring more profitability to the beach atmosphere and would not pull away from its current vendors.</p> <p>I am currently at the beach and would enjoy a quick healthy taco or grilled cheese. I do not want to sit down in a restaurant with sand in my bottom or get fast food. The food trucks are their own culture and bring nothing, but good vibes and tons of people. It helped Hollywood, FL. It will help you too.</p> <p>Thank you for your time, Elizabeth</p>
54	<p>I am a Jacksonville Beach resident and tax payer and was upset when the Green Room Brewery was not allowed to have a truck setup on their location.</p> <p>I am also friends with the owners of Driftwood BBQ and feel that all trucks, while being health regulated, should be able to set up shop anywhere they can park.</p> <p>There is nothing better than living at the beach, and eating a decent priced snack from a food truck like we were able too last summer.</p> <p>Thanks, Chad Stucki</p>
55	<p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>I have lived in Jacksonville Beach for the past few years, but have lived in the beaches area for over 15. In my opinion, and in the opinions of over 100 friends I polled on social media sites, food trucks would be a great addition to our city. Although some may think that it would damage brick and mortar businesses, that is simply not true. Food trucks in Jacksonville Beach would bring people from other surrounding areas such as Ponte Vedra Beach, Neptune Beach and Atlantic Beach to the businesses in our area.</p> <p>The food trucks also have just as much of a right to extend their businesses to our streets as any brick and mortar! We the people of Jacksonville Beach WANT the food trucks! I also hope that the thought of additional competition will spurn other restaurants to become more proactive and expand their selections to more healthy, locally grown options. Food trucks supply us with dishes that are freshly made and they are held to very high standards when it comes to cleanliness (much more than restaurants in our city- I would know, I worked in the restaurant industry in Jacksonville Beach for over 7 years!)</p> <p>There are hundreds, if not thousands of cities that have had success with food trucks being allowed on their streets. These areas flourish! Food trucks help expand the local economy, which should be a great selling point because of our economy for the past few years. We could use the revenue!</p> <p>I love the food trucks, I am a patron of many and visit them regularly. This doesn't mean I don't visit brick and mortar restaurants as well. I am also a patron of restaurants such as Beaches Seafood, Tacolu, D&LP, Angie's Subs, Cruisers, Salt Life Food Shack, Mellow Mushroom, Buddha's Thai Bistro, Sushi Palace, Dwight's, Eleven South, and so many more. Food trucks don't steal business from brick and mortars, they give the public more options. I will still visit my favorite restaurants!</p> <p>APPROVE food trucks to come to Jacksonville Beach. Don't make us travel miles and miles to eat at the mobile businesses that can come to us!</p>

	Sincerely, Lauren Crossan, Jacksonville Beach resident, Advertising & Marketing Specialist
56	This email is in support of allowing Food Trucks in Jacksonville Beach. I used to live in Riverside and Avondale for 6 years, and I have been a Jacksonville Beach resident for the past 6 months (bought a home here). I was very surprised to learn of the opposition faced by Food Trucks in Jacksonville Beach. As you are likely aware, food trucks have been setting up in the Riverside/Avondale area for the past 3-4 years. This has led to at least 2 new permanent (bricks and mortar) restaurants opening as a result of Food Truck success. I feel that Food Trucks should be allowed in the central business district and in other select sites. Please support this initiative as Food Trucks are vital to infusing new food ideas at the Beach. Thanks, Nick Campbell
57	I think you should consider allowing food trucks to operate as single and group units throughout the local areas. The food truck culture has become widely accepted across the USA and continues to grow stronger with local cities, governments, organizations and business owners. Local culture seeks out economic spending opportunities that are valued to them. Food trucks bring a tangible value to local culture just like your favorite brick and mortar restaurants. They offer easily accessible culinary options that compete with other food trucks, food services, restaurants and resorts just the way American free capitalist culture demands. Food trucks bring revenue to the local governments and other businesses through permits, taxes, local stocking purchases, local gas purchases and more. They drive commerce to areas that otherwise may not have had that commerce at all, thereby creating new socio-economic spaces for private and public revenue to be derived and social interaction to be engaged. Creating new areas for commerce without having to use government funds should be greatly encouraged. Food truck rally's are no different than any other public or private event that operates under the proper legalities. Legal restrictions on open spaces should be made lenient enough to allow events and individual business owners to operate with permitting that is sufficient yet cost effective for businesses to pursue. Any increase in permitting fees and/or negative changes in regulations on open spaces would not be stimulative but rather publicly perceived as an action of deterrence and reluctance by local government. Local government should be seen as embracing the opportunity to properly allow new forms of commerce whether it be a food truck, a mobile vendor, a pop up, or many other new forms of small business. Regardless of business shape and size if they operate within the proper licensing, permitting and taxing then they are already being assessed through those means as to their viability and beyond that they should be free to operate as others do within those same boundaries. Ryan Hoback - Local Business Owner Founder, Motivated Entrepreneur Inc. -- "Founded to help entrepreneurs succeed"
58	Please allow Food trucks in Jax beach! Wood McCurry
59	I am writing as a proponent for the Jax Food Trucks in Jacksonville Beach. I was appalled to find out that Atlantic Beach told them they could not sell their food. The food trucks have brought great variety to the Southside area where I work, where the food choices have gotten stale. I live in Jacksonville Beach and think the added variety will bring great choices to residents looking for a quick, affordable meal. As a large supporter of local restaurants and locally grown foods, I think the Jax Food Trucks offer just what the beaches community is looking for.
60	Just wanted to voice my support for bringing food trucks to Jax Beach. This benefits your local economy by creating local jobs and building a diversity of dining selections for visitors and tourism.
61	I have been a resident in Jacksonville almost my entire life. Some of the best food I have had here has come from our local truckies. Please consider the beauty in these businesses, and allow them at our beaches. Sincerely, JeAnna Paulk
62	My self and many friends would love to have the access to feed trucks when we walk up from the beach looking for food or walking from place to place. Let competition exist and the people will benefit! Hope u choose in favor of the trucks!

	Best, Trent gavazzi
63	<p>To whom it may concern-</p> <p>I hope that you will consider allowing food trucks in Jax Beach. I have patronised several of the trucks and not only is the food outstanding, but the trucks are clean and sanitary, and the service is excellent. I believe they are a plus to the local economy.</p> <p>I've spent time in Seattle and Portland where the trucks are welcome and its really been great for the food culture there as well as for the local economy there. Several of the trucks offer brick and mortar establishments as well. Food trucks are part of the future. Lets welcome them now.</p> <p>Thank you for your kind consideration,</p> <p>Rick Saunders, Saint Augustine</p>
64	<p>Good morning,</p> <p>I fully support food trucks at the beach. Let's make it happen!</p> <p>Warmest Regards,</p> <p>Raina Van Cleave, <i>Director of Marketing</i>, N-Play RE LLC</p>
65	<p>Dear Sir or Madam,</p> <p>Please allow Food Trucks to sell their food in Jacksonville Beach!! My family & I are at the beach all the time & would love to see a Food Truck we could walk up to and order lunch to eat on or near the beach. I have to small kids and we love to walk up and down the beaches. Not having to worry about going inside a restaurant & sit down with sandy kids would be AMAZING!!! We bring snacks to the beach, but with 2 small kids we usually leave by lunch because it's just so much to carry!! :) PLEASE PLEASE allow Food trucks in Jax beach!!! It would make so many people happy!!!!!! :))</p> <p>Sincerely, Lisa Bauman</p>
66	<p>Please allow Food Trucks at Jacksonville Beach. Food Trucks have drastically risen in popularity and have become a part of our culture in recent years across the country, and I am pleased to say that Jacksonville has some delightfully catchy themed and delicious food trucks. Not only do food trucks travel to where the people are, people travel to their favorite food trucks. Food trucks will bring customers and tourism to Jacksonville Beach, where people will spend their time and money. They are a sign of economic improvement and a sign of "young, hip, and cool." Food trucks have become an asset to cities like Austin, Texas, Los Angeles, New York City, and San Francisco.</p> <p>Please allow Food Trucks in Jacksonville Beach. We want to spend our money at local businesses!</p> <p>Thank you, Kim Trefz and family</p>
67	<p>Food trucks are an important culinary trend and a potential boon to the city in terms of tax revenue. These businesses deserve the same rights as brick and mortar restaurants to obtain permits and operate.</p> <p>Please support the initiative to legalize food trucks in Jax Beach.</p> <p>Jason Engle, Atlantic Beach, FL</p>
68	<p>I'm writing to voice my support for food trucks in Jax Beach. I live and work on the beach and love the food trucks, but have no way to get lunch at any of them because downtown is too far to drive during my hour break. I'd absolutely love to have food trucks available in Jax Beach, and I know my coworkers would, too.</p> <p>Thanks for your consideration. Rye</p>
69	I support Jax Food Trucks being allowed to serve the fine people of Jacksonville Beach.
70	<p>Please, please, PLEASE - let food trucks come to the beach...</p> <p>My family has to travel downtown to enjoy these interesting and exotic cuisines...</p> <p>Being able to patronize these trucks here at the beach, would be good for everyone.</p> <p>Thanks so much, Jeannie Barufaldi, Atlantic Beach Resident</p>
71	Would be a great welcome
72	We would like to vote a positive yes to allowing food trucks in Jax Beach. Nowadays they are well kept and a far cry from the roach coaches of years

	<p>past. We enjoy the creative culinary tastes that many offer and the versatility of the food truck rally's that are often found in larger cities. It's time for Jax Beach to hop on board with the trend that so many other contemporary cities offer. In these contemporary cities; restaurants don't worry about competition. In fact, they welcome it because it only makes them better.</p> <p>Please vote yes for food trucks in Jax Beach.</p> <p>Thank-you, Marie Dubois Mike Coburn</p>
73	<p>I love the idea. Hoping to use food trucks in the future for some events if and when this is passed. I personally think that there should be no issue with inviting someone onto privately owned property and that this is a great compromise. Thanks!</p>
74	<p>To Whom It May Concern,</p> <p>I am strongly in favor of allowing food trucks to operate in Jacksonville Beach. I recently moved here from New York City where the food truck business is thriving and creating a huge market. They have loyal followers and a reputation for great food and service. I am trying to open a food truck here in Jacksonville and the business will not survive without the support of the beach community. The beach is a center of business and diversity on warm weather weekends and will be imperative to the success and stability of my business. This food truck will be my means of providing for my family and I'd hate to see it not flourish due to a lack of business caused by location limitations. Food trucks have strict standards that have to be followed and are the new generation of gourmet food. The down side to allowing food trucks is minimal and is greatly outweighed by the positive addition it can bring to the beach community.</p> <p>I look forward to being a part of the food truck business in Jacksonville Beach. Please contact me if I could speak in front of the city council or if you have any questions that may help get this legislation passed. Thank you very much and I look forward to speaking with you soon.</p> <p>Michael Grillo</p>
75	<p>Please keep the food trucks rolling into town</p> <p>MAS</p>
76	<p>They activate communities.</p>
77	<p>Dear Planning,</p> <p>I vote to let food trucks operate in Jacksonville Beach. More options and competition and probably better food.</p> <p>Greg Holtz PO BOX 51413 JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FL 32240</p>
78	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I have recently moved to Florida from Delaware in August. Prior to my move here I was made aware of the unique and delicious food trucks that set up shop around the beaches area. Since moving here these trucks have been banned.</p> <p>I have come to learn that the State of Florida is one of passion and expression. The chefs that prepare foods and serve the public are not artists that display their talents with a brush and an easel, but rather share their unique abilities through the culinary arts.</p> <p>I believe reinstating the food trucks in Jacksonville Beach would be great for the public, tourists, chefs (entrepreneurs), and the economy. Everyone deserves the right to a fair chance and to do what they love. Why should one have to travel out of the city limits to display their abilities and make a living? These owners love something about the beaches and the beaches citizens love the food trucks.</p> <p>I would like to see the food trucks reinstated and I am confident that the officials of my new home, Jacksonville Beach, a city I have grown to love and respect, will make the right decision.</p> <p>Sincerely, Ryan Krammes, Jacksonville Beach Resident</p>
79	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>This is a no brainer. The businesses that do well here on the beach have already established their roots with the community. Citizens will not just stop eating at those establishments because of the new presence of food trucks. All of these food trucks in Jacksonville are owned by good people and</p>

	provide good food/service. I feel it would be a pleasure for everyone in the community to have them around. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Jax Beach resident/Foodie
80	Dear Sir or Madam, I am a 9 year Jacksonville Beach resident. I have owned a home and paid property taxes in Jacksonville Beach since 2007. I love living at the Beach and can't imagine living anywhere else in Duval County. It is a lovely area, with nice weather, a beautiful beach and safe neighborhoods. However, there is a major lack of local, booming businesses and options for locals when it comes to dining out. As you know, Jax Beach is a very bicycle-friendly town, which is what I love about it. I enjoy nothing more than taking my beach cruiser around town on a nice day. I can't imagine anything that would make my cruising experience more enjoyable than if I had an option to grab a quick, healthy bite to eat, as opposed to having to find a sit-down restaurant. I know I am not alone in having this opinion. Allowing food trucks will help local businesses by bringing more pedestrian and bicycle traffic to the beaches. In addition, bringing in food trucks will require licensing, which will bring in extra revenue for the City to spend on further beautification and enhancements in Jax Beach. Lastly, this is the way the 21st Century is moving and I think it would be a great shame for our wonderful little beach town lose out on an opportunity to bring in more business and fun for locals and visitors, alike. So, I beg of you, please amend Chapter 6, Section 6-6 of the City Code. Sincerely, Angela K. Farford 295 Coral Way Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250
81	I'm a resident of Jax Beach and I would love the diversity that Food Trucks would bring to the beach. O remember two years ago when On The Fly was working with Green room brewing and it was the perfect partnership. I visit downtown Jacksonville more frequently because of the food trucks and I can only see benefits from allowing them to coexist with brick and mortar restaurants in Jax Beach.
82	To whom it may concern, Food trucks offer a rich and diverse change to the dining environment of Jacksonville and it is this long-time resident's opinion that food trucks at the beach would be a valuable cultural addition to the beaches. Please consider what the residents and tourists would enjoy when they visit the beach. Thank you for your consideration, Charles Nemecek, 24-year resident of the beaches.
83	Hello, I am a seasonal resident of Jacksonville and I greatly support the idea of food trucks within this sprawling city. Food Trucks have become very popular over the past decade and I believe it is a very progressive and modern movement. Many people look for a quick lunch that is quick and healthy and would prefer to avoid fast food when possible. The idea that a traveling gourmet meal could come to your neighborhood a couple times a week is something for people to look forward to. I don't think anyone is trying to take business away from the local restaurants, more so, add a variety of good food to an area with a variety of different tastes. It is a great opportunity for local entrepreneurs to make money and keep money local as opposed to brining in large food chains that often utilize highly processed products manufactured in large factories. I think the idea that the local community could support the local economy by eating at a food truck run by a local chef and eating tasty, quality food is fantastic and I don;t know many people that would oppose the idea. Please help this become a reality! Sincerely, Kelly Meagher
84	Yes to the food trucks. We need more diversity. The only businesses we have too many of are bars. Nothing will change until we get more merchant variety and less alcohol fueled entertainment.
85	To Whom it May Concern: I am inquiring about the proper steps, in order, that I need to take to open a hot dog cart on private property. Do you have a numbered or bulleted list? Where should I aquire my license and permit? Also, is there a limit to how many mobile food permits will be allowed?

	Thank you in advance, I am very grateful for your time. Most sincerely, Marc Wysocki
86	I wanted to voice my support for the mobile food vending proposal. I also wanted to know when this decision would be made. Thank you, Danette Chialtas

MESSAGES **IN OPPOSITION TO** ALLOWING MOBILE FOOD VENDING

	MESSAGE
1	<p>Dear commissioners, Please take a look downtown and around the beaches at the empty stores and offices so abundant lately. It is hard to make a living at the beaches now, and allowing food trucks to set up shop in our area, will only ensure that more empty store fronts will soon follow. The food trucks are fun and colorful and attract people, but they contribute nothing to our beaches economy. They are takers. If you allow them to set up, then you must tax them heavily and use those taxes to improve our beaches. Our small local shops need our support, not more competition. Let the food trucks find there niche in the downtown Jacksonville area that need trucks to service the widespread area. Thanks for your request for feedback, Penny Yamamoto PT Car Wash Jacksonville Beach</p>
2	<p>I think there is nothing wrong with old trucks but we need to support brick and mortar restraints. They have been improving greatly and a change would set the beaches economy back. Maybe allow only 1 or 2 permits for food trucks at the beaches if anything. Keep it on a very small scale Aaron Cooper, MBA</p>
3	<p>We want to be treated as equals, not like a child who might one day grow up and open a bricks & mortar restaurant. Please keep the tone positive-- We've come a long way!</p>
4	<p>I am a business owner at Jax beach for 13 years Where were you 13 years ago.? I have no idea but I was 24 working my butt off to make my business work. I have made it because of heart. I made it past a fire and endless problems. I pay property tax and sales tax. I have no idea what you are thinking to bring your business over the ditch so people steal our money. Congrats you will have a food cart on every corner but vacant strip malls and no property tax to pay your big pay checks...</p>
5	<p>I have no idea why you would want this. The city spent millions of dollars on fixing up jax beach and now you want to see a roach coach on every corner. I pay property tax to the city and sales tax to the city. I employ 25 workers who live in jax beach and spend there money in jax beach. You should be supporting local business that are at the beach. Why would you want someone to come over the ditch and take the money back over with them. I take 90 percent credit cards so you know I pay tax to the government. These roach coaches are a all cash business so they are reporting nothing. Every dollar spent at a roach coach is a dollar not put back in to jacksonville beach community. I own a business here Philly's finest 1527 north third street. The little amount of money collected through occupational licenses and permits is a small amount but the money not spent on local business is a huge amount. Thanks Jeff Harris</p>
6	<p>As owner of two downtown Jacksonville Beach properties that have restaurants, I am opposed to allowing Food Trucks to operate at the Beach. Food Trucks take advantage of the prime season and hurt local restaurants that pay large property and utility taxes. By comparison, mobile food vendors pay relatively low fees. In view of the recent extensive beautification project, for which we are very grateful, I think allowing Food Trucks or Carts will cheapen the atmosphere. Respectfully, Maxwell Dickinson</p>