Thursday, May 8, 2008

Item(s) to Set Public Hearing(s) RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 57

Subject: Set a public hearing to consider an ordinance designating areas in which additional distance regulations will be applied to mobile food establishments. (Suggested date and time: May 15, 2008, 6:00 p.m., at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX.)

For More Information: Greg Montes, 974-26269; Sylvia Arzola, 974-6448.

Prior Council Action: 4/26/06 - Council directed the City Manager to process a code amendment to allow mobile food establishments in certain zoning districts.

6/8/06 - Council approved an ordinance regarding mobile food establishments and requested that the Planning Commission make a recommendation regarding the appropriate buffering between a mobile, food establishment and a residential use.

8/31/06 - The City Council approved first reading of an ordinance adding Section 25-2-812 to the City Code and amending Section 25-2-1406 of the City Code relating to mobile food establishments and repealing Ordinance No. 20060608-120.

9/28/06 - The City Council approved second/third readings of an ordinance regulating mobile food establishments.

01/31/08 - The City Council amended the Mobile Food Ordinance by deleting the April deadline for Council consideration, requring notification to mobile food vendors, and allowing contact teams to submit an application.

On September 28, 2006, the City Council approved an ordinance regulating mobile food establishments. One of the provisions of the ordinance provided that neighborhood associations could submit an application to the City requesting that mobile food establishments comply with additional distance requirements. On January 31, 2008, the City Council amended the ordinance by allowing planning area contact teams to submit an application and also that mobile food vendors be notified of a neighborhood's request to have the additional distance requirements applied to their area.

There are two ways a neighborhood association may request that the regulations apply to their area: (1) during the neighborhood planning process; or; (2) submit an application during the open filing period in February.

The following neighborhood organizations have requested that the additional restrictions on mobile food establishments apply to their respective area:

Allandale Neighborhood Association
Brentwood Neighborhood Association
Coronado Hills/Creekside Neighborhood Association
Greater South River City Combined Planning Area
Highland/Skyview Neighborhood Plan Contact Team
Martin Luther King Neighborhood Association
Northwest Austin Civic Association

Pecan Springs/Springdale Neighborhood Association Raintree Estates Association Rosedale Neighborhood Association Summit Oaks II Neighborhood Association Walnut Creek Neighborhood Association Zilker Neighborhood Association.

The Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department (NPZD) recommends that a map of the Mobile Food Establishment be created and established to include the above mentioned neighborhood associations.