

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council Item ID 6948 Agenda Number 59.

Meeting Date: 6/9/2011 Department: Planning and Development Review

Subject

Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending the map indicating areas with additional regulations applying to Mobile Food Establishments to include the Summit Oaks Neighborhood Association, in accordance with Section 25-2-812 of the City Code.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	September 28, 2006 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20060928-020 regulating mobile food establishments. One of the provisions of the Ordinance provided that neighborhood associations could submit an application to the City of Austin requesting that mobile food establishments in neighborhood association areas comply with additional distance requirements. The ordinance also required that neighborhoods submit their requests during February of each year, with Council approval to occur only during the month of April. The ordinance also did not require notification to the mobile food vendors of the neighborhood applications. January 31, 2008 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20080131-133 deleting April as the required time that they would consider these requests and instead permitted these requests to be reviewed on an annual basis. They also allowed planning area contact teams to submit an application and to provide notification to the mobile food venders of the neighborhood applications.
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The Mobile Food Establishments Ordinance was approved by City Council on September 28, 2006. Since then, several minor changes have been made to the ordinance. In general, the ordinance allows mobile food establishments to operate in all commercial and industrial zoning districts with certain conditions. They are not allowed to operate in office and residential zoning districts. Neighborhood planning areas and neighborhood associations can submit an application every February to request that additional regulations be applied to mobile food establishments in their area. These additional regulations govern the location and hours of operation for mobile food establishments in the particular neighborhood planning or neighborhood association area.

There are two ways a neighborhood association and neighborhood planning area may request that mobile food vending regulations apply to their area: (1) during the neighborhood planning process; or (2) submit an application during the open filing period in February. The Summit Oaks Neighborhood Association has requested that restrictions on mobile food establishments apply to their area. The Planning and Development Review Department (PDRD) recommends that a revised map indicating areas with additional regulations for mobile food establishments be amended to include the Summit Oaks Neighborhood Association.