



# City of Denton

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## AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

**DEPARTMENT:** Department of Development Services

**DCM:** Cassey Ogden

**DATE:** April 1, 2025

### **SUBJECT**

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the operational and land use requirements of mobile food establishments. (ID 25-561, Food Trucks, Mia Hines)

### **BACKGROUND**

As a result of an increase in mobile food establishments operating throughout Denton, staff seeks City Council's direction to ensure that these businesses are operating in a manner consistent with the Council's vision for the City of Denton.

Mobile food establishments are food establishments that serve, sell, or distribute food or beverage from a mobile food unit that is not operating at a traditional fixed restaurant location and is a commercial manufactured vehicle from which food is prepared, served, or provided for the public with or without charge. These establishments are required to register with the City and obtain permits to ensure operations are compliant with the City's health, safety, and zoning requirements.

In order for mobile food establishments to exist as the primary land use on a lot, the Denton Development Code requires a Specific Use Permit for a mobile food court. However, it is not uncommon for a mobile food unit (such as a mobile food truck or mobile food trailer) to temporarily park in the parking lot of an existing business and operate as an accessory (or subordinate) use, and the Denton Development Code does not specifically address these situations. Given an increased demand for mobile food sales as observed throughout the community, mobile food establishments have been operating as accessory in zoning districts where restaurants are permitted provided they obtain the necessary health permits.

### **PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (Council, Boards, Commissions)**

| <b>Date</b>    | <b>Council, Board, Commission</b> | <b>Request</b>  | <b>Action</b>            |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| March 18, 2014 | City Council                      | Established permitting and operational requirements for mobile food truck | Approved (Ord. 2014-082) |
| April 5, 2022  | City Council                      | Updated permitting and operational requirements for mobile food truck     | Approved (Ord. 22-699)   |

**EXHIBITS**

Exhibit 1 – Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2 – Presentation

Respectfully submitted:

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