

City of Mesquite, Texas

Legislation Text

File #: 21-5394, **Version:** 1

Conduct a public hearing for Zoning Text Amendment No. 2021-02, amending the Mesquite Zoning Ordinance, as previously amended, by making certain additions and deletions to sections contained in Parts 3 and 6 pertaining to the creation of Mobile Food Unit Parks as a regulated permitted land use in certain districts; and amending Chapter 8 of the Mesquite City Code, as previously amended, by repealing and replacing Article VIII to be titled "FOOD AND FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS," providing for general updates and adopting the TEXAS FOOD ESTABLISHMENT RULES ("TFER") 2015 EDITION and local amendments thereto, and providing additional updates to the operation and permitting of Mobile Food Units within the City, including Food Trucks and Food Trailers; and amending APPENDIX D - COMPREHENSIVE FEE SCHEDULE, Article XII, thereby revising health, food and food establishment fees.

(This item was postponed at the April 19, 2021, City Council meeting. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the zoning text amendment.)

City ordinances do not currently address regulations for mobile food units (food trucks and food trailers). As the popularity of these food establishments has grown and with anticipated increases in food trucks in the downtown area, staff is preparing ordinances to create regulations for mobile food units and mobile food unit parks.

It is also necessary to update other food establishment regulations. Below is a summary of proposed ordinance changes.

1. A Zoning Text Amendment to the Mesquite Zoning Ordinance (MZO) for the inclusion of Mobile Food Unit Parks;
2. Adoption of the 2015 Edition (the current latest edition) of the Texas Food Establishment Rules ("Rules") in Chapter 8 of the Mesquite City Code;
3. Local amendments to the Rules;
4. Updating the format of the local amendments to be like the other local amendments to the International Codes the City has adopted - whereby the local amendments are in an easier to read chart format;
5. The proposed new Food Truck (Mobile Food Unit) provisions will be included in the local amendments to the Rules; and
6. Updating the Comprehensive Fee Schedule.

On March 8, 2021, the Planning and Zoning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of Zoning Text Amendment No. 2021-02.

Recommended/Desired Action

Following the public hearing, staff seeks Council direction.

Attachment(s)

P&Z Minutes

Drafter

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