



Date: October 12, 2012

To: Bruce D. Glasscock, City Manager
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From: Selso Mata, Chief Building Official

CC: Phyllis Jarrell, Planning Director
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Re: Food Truck Parks

Food Truck Parks have recently become popular in the food industry. Several cities in our region and across the country have seen this growing trend. The food truck model promotes a festive atmosphere where food trucks surround a central seating area with tables and benches with people eating or gathering in clusters. Building Inspections, Planning and Health staff have had discussions with persons interested in developing food truck parks in Plano. Discussions revealed several existing ordinances that limit the scope of this use.

Building Inspections - Chapter 11, Code of Ordinances limits itinerant vendors to a 45 day permit. Food trucks would be considered temporary businesses and therefore fall under the itinerant vendor requirements.

Health - Chapter 9, Code of Ordinances contains provisions and guidelines for permitting and operating mobile food establishments within the city. A mobile food establishment is defined as "a self-propelled vehicle mounted food establishment designed to be readily moveable." Food trucks meet this definition.

Planning - Food truck parks do not fit into any existing uses, definitions or development standards within the Zoning Ordinance. Therefore, should the city be interested in allowing this use, the Zoning Ordinance should be amended to establish a definition for the use, determine the appropriate zoning districts in which to allow the use, as well as establish appropriate development standards. Planning staff recommends the City Council call a public hearing to amend the Zoning Ordinance for this purpose.

Staff seeks direction concerning consideration of amendments to the Code of Ordinances and Zoning Ordinance to allow Food Truck Parks as a new use.

Please let me know if you need additional information or have questions.