



Memo

To: Metropolitan Area Planning Commission
Cc: City Attorney Phillip Crego, Carol Duncan, Tracy McGaha
From: Otis T. Spriggs, Director of Planning
Date: April 3, 2014
Re.: **Text Amendment: Mobile Vending Ordinance – Wheel Removal Modification**

Dear MAPC Members:

The Planning Department Staff is requesting your immediate review of our current Mobile Vending Ordinance, which regulates food stand trailers/units within the City Limits. Recently, our department received a letter from the Arkansas Health Department (see Agenda attachments), which outlined recent changes to the rules, which provide clarity on permanent vs. temporary mobile establishments.

Health safety concerns have become a priority and special attention has been given to the proper handling of fresh water and waste disposal of the said units.

After speaking with our local Specialist/Inspector Mr. Danny Eddy, we found the need to update our Ordinances to assure compliance with the State Health rules and regulations. By allowing the wheels to remain on the unit, this will allow individual business owners to have the unit available for servicing at appropriate/approvable facilities.

Please consider approving this minor text amendment of Chapter 117:-258, Section (c.2) to read as follows, and recommend it to City Council for approval:

(2) Prior to locating a commercial trailer or vending stand on any parcel, a building permit must be obtained. The trailer or stand must be permanently attached to a foundation with an approved permit issued; **if wheels are to remain, then proper skirting shall be fully installed around the perimeter of the unit.** Only one commercial trailer is permitted on each parcel, unless provide for otherwise within this ordinance.

Thank you.



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