



Detroit City Council

MEMORANDUM

TO: Law Department

FROM: Fred Durhal III, Council Member

DATE: April 25, 2025

RE: Request to Draft Ordinance Amendment Regarding Food Truck Operations on Private Property

This memo serves as a request for the Law Department to begin drafting an ordinance amendment to address the operation of food trucks on private property. Currently, the City's ordinance does not specify whether or how food trucks can legally operate on private property, creating ambiguity for operators, property owners, and enforcement staff. The proposed amendment should clearly state whether food trucks are permitted to operate on private property and, if so, outline any requirements or conditions that must be met. This may include provisions such as obtaining the property owner's permission, complying with applicable zoning and health regulations, maintaining a certain distance from existing brick-and-mortar restaurants, and adhering to any necessary safety standards. The amendment should also ensure that enforcement mechanisms are consistent with existing licensing and zoning frameworks. Please prepare a draft for review and further discussion at an upcoming committee meeting. If additional clarification is needed during the drafting process, please reach out. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Please contact our office if you have any questions or concerns – Esmat Ishag-Osman, Ph.D.,
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