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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Jena Stasik, Community Relations Manager
CC: Thomas Sheridan, City Manager, Brian Griffith, Assistant City Manager, Greg Hannan, Director of Community Development, Katie Behnke, Economic Development Manager
Date: July 15, 2026
Subject: Food Truck Operations

At the request of City Council members, staff is providing information related to the City's applicable ordinances and permitting processes regarding the operation of food trucks in residential neighborhoods.

Food trucks (Mobile Food Vehicles) are regulated per Chapter 874 of the Codified Ordinances. Food trucks are permitted to operate on residential property as part of a private event (i.e. graduation party) or within the public right way if authorized under a special event permit (i.e. neighborhood block party). Current regulations permit ice cream trucks to operate in residential neighborhoods as an exception to the general restriction on mobile food vehicles operating within the public right-of-way.

CD and FD staff anticipate reviewing the existing regulations to identify potential updates for Council's consideration, including:

- Aligning the regulations with the most current Fire Code and using consistent terminology and definitions.
- Clarifying when mobile food trucks may operate in residential neighborhoods, including at private events such as block parties, graduation parties, weddings, and similar gatherings.
- Identifying any additional amendments needed to improve clarity, consistency, and enforcement of the regulations.

If staff determines that amendments may be appropriate, recommendations will be presented to City Council for consideration in the Fall. If there are specific topics or regulations Council would like researched, staff can incorporate into the upcoming review.

For your reference, attached are the current codified ordinance and a comparison chart outlining applicable regulations in comparison to other cities.