

**TO:** City Plan Board **Item Number: 1.**

**FROM:** Planning & Development Services Department Staff **DATE: February 26, 2015**

**SUBJECT:** Petition PB-14-165 TCH, City of Gainesville. Amend the Land Development Code to allow and provide regulations for food truck vendors as a temporary use on private property in certain zoning districts.

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends approval of Petition PB-14-165 TCH with attached draft ordinance as shown in Exhibit 1.

**Description**

This petition addresses a referral from the City Commission to modify the Land Development Code to allow and provide regulations for food trucks as a temporary use on private property in certain zoning districts.

**City Commission Referral:**

On August 7, 2014, the City Commission adopted Ordinance No. 130319 to allow monthly special events to operate food trucks within the Central City District (CCD). During that process, staff received many requests from the public to address the operation of food trucks in a more comprehensive manner. The Community Development Committee discussed the issue and based on its recommendation, the City Commission on October 2, 2014, directed staff to initiate this petition. In late 2014, City staff held multiple stakeholder meetings and incorporated feedback regarding this ordinance.

The proposed changes will amend the Code of Ordinances to allow and provide regulations for food trucks as a temporary use on private property in certain zoning districts. The proposed changes will eliminate from the Code of Ordinances the concept of "itinerant food vendors" and carry forward any relevant standards under the criteria of food truck vendors. This change will allow food truck vendors as a use by right in all zoning districts that currently allow either eating places (i.e., restaurants) or alcoholic beverage establishments.

In the zoning districts where food truck vendors are allowed, the proposed standard is to allow one food truck per one-half (0.5) acre of private property or fraction thereof. Food truck vendors must maintain a 50-ft buffer from any eating establishment and comply with specific operating hours and operating standards as listed in Exhibit 1.

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Respectfully submitted,



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**List of Exhibits.**

**Exhibit 1.** Draft Ordinance Allowing and Regulating Food Truck Vendors in Certain Zoning Districts.