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**TO: Community Development Committee**

**FROM: Planning & Development Services**

**DATE: Tuesday May 22, 2013**

**SUBJECT: Community Development Committee Referral: Food Truck Sales**

This memorandum reviews the current procedure for permitting the storage, display and sale of goods and commodities from a vehicle at a temporary location on a temporary basis. This permitting process appears to be based on a City policy that allows the use of truck sales but in a limited manner and to ensure that they do not conflict with other businesses operating within a conventional building.

The ordinances currently regulating the use of Food Sales from a Temporary location (including vehicles) are:

1. Sections 30-23; 30-67 (g) General Provisions for Business and Mixed use districts;
2. Section 30-60(g) General provisions for Office districts; and
3. Sections 19-91 to 95; and Sec. 19-15 to 20. Peddlers, Solicitors and Canvassers.
4. Section 30-107 Temporary sales for fundraising by non-profit agencies.

The City of Gainesville allows the outdoor sales, storage and display of merchandise, goods and commodities on a temporary basis as Itinerant Food Vendors, Special Events and Vending Booths (See Attachment A for definitions). They may be allowed on private property but appears not to be allowed on public property or within the public rights-of-way.

### **Itinerant Food Vendors**

A Truck Sale is one type of temporary outdoor storage, display and sales activity which may be allowed as an Itinerant Food Vendor within the BUS, MU-1 and MU-2 zoning districts (See Map 2). An Itinerant Food Vendor must comply with Sections 19-91 to 95 (See Attachment A). It should be noted that under the Itinerant Food Vendor permit process, there are four requirements which may limit the intense and prolong operation of truck sales:

1. Only one itinerant food vending conveyance is allowed per parcel, location or development.
2. They cannot be operated outside of the established building setbacks of the zoning district.
3. They cannot be operated within required parking spaces or within the required interior or terminal islands of the vehicle use area.
4. They cannot be operated on a vacant lot or property.

### **Special Events and Vending Booths**

The Special Events permit authorized under Section 30-67(g) is another avenue through which a truck sale activity may be conducted at a business location. Any business owner may apply for a Special Events permit to

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conduct a promotional event within the limits of their property. The permit is limited to one per applicant per location in any given 60-day period and for the time period approved by the permit (usually 72 hours or three days). This option is not directly open to owners and operators of food trucks since it is limited to the business operating at the specific location. However, a business owner may use food truck sales as part of its business promotion during a special event. This option was used by the food truck operators to conduct the truck sales event at 210 SW 2nd Avenue.

### **Special Events for Non-profit Agencies**

A non-profit agency may operate a truck sale as part of its fund raising activities through a Special Events permit. This permit is allowed in any zoning district for up to a period of thirty (30) days. This event has limited application to truck sale vendors since they operate for profit.

### **Public Rights-of-way**

Except by special permission, it appears that the current ordinance does not allow the use of Truck Sales on public property or within the public right-of-way. However, based on the State of Florida's Mobile Food Dispensing Vehicle licensing, an applicant may apply for a Business Tax to operate a Mobile Food Dispensing Vehicle after receiving approval from the State of Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulations. This permit allows a vehicle to travel from one site to another selling goods and merchandise but is not allowed to remain stationed at any one particular site. It appears that this practice is based on the Peddlers Permit process as outlined in Section 19-15 to 20.

### **Conclusion**

A food truck is allowed to operate on private property within the BUS, MU-1 and MU-2 Zoning Districts and during a special event operated by the owner of a business. Multiple food trucks are allowed to operate through a Special Events permit which is limited to one per applicant per location in any given 60-day period. No code references could be found that specifically addresses the operation of food trucks within the public right-of-way. A non-profit agency may operate a food truck as part of its fundraising activities in accordance with Section 30-107 but this option has limited benefit to food truck vendors since they operate for profit.

### **Looking Forward**

The current ordinance has been in existence for a long time and has not kept up with some changes in modern urban activities. If a more liberal approach to temporary and mobile food vendors is desired, the current ordinances will have to be modified to accommodate vendors and to cater for a population desiring the services offered. While the current ordinance allows Itinerant Food Vendors it does so in a limited manner and does not allow the use in the CCD zoning district where the highest intensity of pedestrian activities are expected. Where allowed, Itinerant Food Vendors are limited to one per site; associated on-site seating is not allowed,

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they must be placed away from the street edge by having to meet setback requirements and they are not allowed on vacant parcels. When allowed through the Special Events Permit, most of the above restrictions are not applicable but the use is limited to once every sixty days. The use is also not allowed within the public right-of-way and on City owned properties.

It should also be noted that from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012, a total of 99 Special Event Permits were issued and 16 were issued between January 1, 2013 and May 15, 2013; this includes a total of 3 permits for truck sales. Records from Billing and Collections show five food trucks registered with the city.

This document recognizes a presentation by the CRA on the topic of Mobile Food Vendors. The options presented below are consistent with the overall recommendations of the CRA and will be developed with input from CRA staff.

The following options are submitted for committee consideration and for providing staff with further directions.

**Option 1.**

Moving forward, the city may elect to maintain the current regulations. This would imply allowing food truck sales as Itinerant Food Vendors within the BUS, MU-1 and MU-2 zoning districts. They would also be allowed through the Special Events permitting process with one event per sixty day period.

**Option 2.**

An alternative is to add the Traditional City Overlay District (See Map 1.) as an additional area where itinerant food vendors are allowed. That area is much broader than the CCD zoning district and incorporates more of the areas where high pedestrian activities are expected. Modifying the current ordinance to facilitate efficiency and functionality of the service would be required as well as implementing steps to ensure equitable operation with other food service entrepreneurs operating in conventional buildings. Consideration should also be given to the use of City owned properties and the public rights-of-way.

**Option 3.**

The third option is to maintain the status quo but increasing the number of Special Events for food truck sales to more than one every sixty days. This would limit the activity to existing active business owners with a physical location within the city limits; it would also not be allowed on vacant property.

**Attachment “A”**  
**Some Relevant Code References**

## SOME RELEVANT CODE REFERENCES:

### **Sec. 30-45. - Prohibited uses.**

Any use not permitted by right, by zoning compliance permit, by special use permit, as a special exception or an accessory use in a zoning district shall be prohibited in such district.

*Section 30-67(G).*

*General Provisions for Business Districts:*

**Outdoor storage and sales.** All principal uses in any business or mixed use district shall be contained within completely enclosed buildings, except as otherwise specifically provided as a permitted use. When not so specifically provided, outdoor storage or display of goods and commodities not contained within completely enclosed buildings is prohibited, except the following uses under the conditions prescribed herein:

Office Districts: **Sec. 30-60(g). - General provisions for office districts.**

**Outdoor uses.** All principal uses in any office district shall be contained within completely enclosed buildings. Outdoor storage is not permitted in any office distri

**Building** means any structure, **either temporary or permanent**, except a fence or as otherwise provided in this definition, **used or built for the enclosure or shelter of persons, vehicles, goods, merchandise, equipment, materials or property generally**. This definition shall include **tents, dining cars, trailers, mobile homes, sheds, garages, carpools, animal kennels, storerooms, jails, barns or vehicles serving in any way the function of a building as described herein**. This definition shall not include individual doll houses, play houses, and animal or bird houses.

**Structure** means anything **constructed or erected with a fixed location on the ground or attached to something having a fixed location on the ground**, and having a height of four inches or more, except for patios, ground-level parking and loading facilities, fences and individual doll houses, play houses, and animal or bird houses that are neither to be used for human habitation, i.e., a place of permanent or temporary residence, nor storage as a principal use.

**Vehicle means any self-propelled conveyance** designed or used for the purpose of **transporting or moving persons, animals, freight, merchandise or any substance, including passenger cars, trucks, buses, motorcycles and scooters**, but not including tractors, construction equipment, machinery or any device used in performing a job other than transportation.

Based on code definitions and regulations, a truck can be considered a building and can operate as such if it complies with the requirements for operation of the specific use.

Staff has not had a request for operation of a vehicle as a building.

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other similar mechanical device. A vending booth, except a permanent structure constructed by the city on the Gainesville Community Plaza, must be capable of being moved from place to place, but may be stationary during the business day. Examples of vending booths are, but are not limited to, the following: coffee/cappuccino stands; stands selling muffins, bagels and other bakery items; ice cream carts; snow cone and Italian Ice carts; fast-food carts; souvenirs carts; and newsstands.

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## **ARTICLE IV. - VENDING BOOTHS AND ITINERANT VENDORS** <sup>[4]</sup>

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Sec. 19-92. - Annual permit.

Sec. 19-93. - Regulations.

Sec. 19-94. - Revocation of permit/license.

Sec. 19-95. - Vendors' stands.

Secs. 19-96—19-109. - Reserved.

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(Ord. No. 970631, § 1, 6-8-98; Ord. No. 990299, § 1, 10-25-99; Ord. No. 070209, § 2, 7-14-08)

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### **Sec. 19-92. - Annual permit.**

#### **(a)**

A vending booth permit or itinerant food vendor permit is required and can be obtained from the city manager, or designee, upon payment of the fee specified in Appendix A of this Code, along with submitting a completed application that includes a description of the nature, character and quality of food, beverage or retail items to be offered for sale; photographs of the vending booth or itinerant food vending conveyance; and sufficient information for city reviewing staff to determine compliance with the requirements listed in subsection (b) or (c) below, the applicable regulations listed in [section 19-93](#) and other applicable code and safety requirements. Vending booth and itinerant food vendor permits expire on September 30 of each

year. Vending booth and itinerant food vendor permits issued between April 1 and September 30 are subject to one-half the permit fees for the initial period (between issuance and September 30). Vending booth and itinerant food vendor permits shall not be valid during any event declared to be a special event by the city manager or designee. A separate permit shall be required for vending at these events.

**(b)**

Requirements to obtain a vending booth permit:

**(1)**

Proof of liability insurance, in amounts to annually be determined by the city manager, which shall include the city as an additional insured and which shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the city, its elected and appointed officers, employees and agents, from any resultant claims which may arise from operation of the booth due to intentional or unintentional wrongdoing or negligence by the operator, or employees, contractors or agents of the operator.

**(2)**

Proof of workers compensation insurance or provide a certificate of exemption.

**(3)**

Select an available public property site from the official vending booth site map on file with the city manager or designee. When more than one application is received for a designated site, that site will be made available by random drawing of all qualified applicants. Once an operator has received a space, that site will not become available again unless the operator does not renew the permit or the owner's permit is revoked under this article.

**(4)**

Submission of a site drawing clearly depicting the public property site location, size of the vending booth, set up of the vending booth and any other information necessary for the city reviewing staff to determine that the vending booth will comply with all applicable city codes. The vending booth must be located a minimum of five feet from the curb or improved right-of-way and so positioned as to leave an unobstructed way for pedestrian passage on any sidewalk and shall not be positioned within five feet of any crosswalk or fire hydrant, nor block any ingress or egress from a building entrance or emergency exit. Vending booths shall be located a minimum of 25 feet from intersections and shall be located outside of the vision triangle.

**(c)**

Requirements to obtain an itinerant food vendor permit:

**(1)**



Provide the name and address of the applicant's employer, if not self-employed.

(2)

Provide written permission or lease from the owner of the property where the itinerant food vendor will operate.

(3)

Submit a site plan meeting the requirements of Article VII of the land development code for a minor development plan to include dimensions and the proposed location of the itinerant food vending conveyance as well as entrance and exits to the host business, parking areas, bus stops, loading zones, fire hydrants, zoning district setbacks and any other information necessary for the city reviewing staff to determine that the itinerant food vending conveyance will comply with all applicable city codes.

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**Sec. 19-93. - Regulations.**

(a)

*Vending booths and itinerant food vending conveyances operating in the city shall be subject to the following regulations:*

(1)

The county/state health department must license any vending booths and itinerant food vending operations preparing and selling food items. All applicable codes of the health department shall be met.

(2)

A trash container must be available on the vending booth or itinerant food vending conveyance.

(3)

Lighting may be used to continuously illuminate the vending booth or itinerant food vending conveyance canopy and provide task lighting for night operation, provided it is in conformity with the city's lighting regulations.

(4)

Change of ownership, booth/conveyance or location will require that the owner apply for a new vending booth or itinerant food vendor permit.

(5)

All required licenses must be conspicuously displayed on the vending booth or itinerant food vending conveyance.

(6)

Vending booths and itinerant food vending conveyances must be provided with at least one approved portable fire extinguisher having a minimum rating of 8 BC.

**(7)**

All liquefied petroleum gas containers must be installed on the outside of the vending booth or itinerant food vending conveyance, protected from physical damage and, if enclosed, vented at the lowest point of the enclosure. All liquefied petroleum gas containers must be properly secured and comply with all applicable standards.

**(8)**

Signs using lettering painted on or applied to the canopy valance will be allowed. Two additional signs in conformity with the city's sign regulations will be allowed at a maximum size of six square feet each, to be mounted on the vending booth or itinerant food vending conveyance. No other signs, pictures or advertisements of any kind, such as stickers, flags, balloons, inflatables or lights shall be allowed.

**(9)**

The vendor must obtain a local business tax receipt from the city.

**(10)**

The vendor shall keep the sidewalks, parking areas and other spaces adjacent to their vending sites or locations clean and free of paper, peelings and refuse of any kind generated from their vending operation.

**(11)**

Sales shall be oriented to pedestrians. No vendor shall sell or attempt to sell any product or engage in any commercial transaction with the occupant of any motor vehicle.

**(12)**

Vendors shall not conduct business in a way that will restrict or interfere with the entrance or exit of a business, create a nuisance, create a hazard to pedestrians, life or property, or obstruct vehicular circulation, pedestrian circulation, or access to emergency exits.

**(13)**

Vending booth vendors operating within the Central City Zoning District (CCD), as this area is shown on the city's zoning map atlas, and the College Park Area, as delineated in the College Park-Master Plan and Regulation Plan for New Construction map in Appendix A [Section 3](#) of the Land Development Code, shall be limited to the hours between 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 a.m. the following day and shall take place only at the approved location. The "vending booth" conveyance shall not be set up prior to 6:00 a.m. and must be removed by 4:00 a.m. the following day.

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hours between 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 a.m. the following day and shall take place only at the approved location. The "vending booth" conveyance shall not be set up prior to 6:00 a.m. and must be removed by 4:00 a.m. the following day.

**(b)**

*The following additional regulations shall apply to itinerant food vendors:*

**(1)**

Tent structures shall not be permitted.

**(2)**

No alcoholic beverages may be sold.

**(3)**

All food shall be prepared on-site from the itinerant food vending conveyance.

**(4)**

There shall be only one itinerant food vending conveyance per parcel, location or development.

**(5)**

No itinerant food vendor shall be permitted to operate in any of the following areas:

**a.**

Within 25 feet of any loading zone or bus stop.

**b.**

Within 15 feet of a building entrance or exit.

**c.**

Against display windows of a business.

**d.**

Within 25 feet of any fire hydrant, fire escape or fire control device.

**e.**

Within 25 feet of any parking space or access ramp designated for persons with disabilities.

**f.**

Outside of the established building setbacks of the zoning district.

**g.**

Within required parking spaces or within the required interior or terminal islands of the vehicle use area.

**h.**

On a vacant lot or property.

**(6)**

Except as provided in section 19-93(a), itinerant food vendors shall be limited to the hours between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. daily and shall take place only at the approved location. The itinerant food vending conveyance shall not be set up prior to 6:00 a.m. and must be removed by 11:00 p.m. of that same day.

(7)

Outdoor seating shall not be permitted.

(8)

An itinerant food vending conveyance shall not exceed a size of ten feet in width and 20 feet in length. If the itinerant food vending conveyance is a trailer, the trailer shall be unhitched from the motorized vehicle and stabilized prior to operating the vending conveyance and it is the trailer alone that will be considered the itinerant food vending conveyance for purposes of the size limitation.

(9)

The itinerant food vending conveyance shall not be operated in a manner that destroys existing sodded areas, results in erosion or breaks down the previous or impervious surface of the site. In the event of erosion or destruction of the site surface, the owner of the site shall be required to restore the site to its original condition.

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(Ord. No. 970631, § 1, 6-8-98; Ord. No. 990299, § 1, 10-25-99; Ord. No. 070209, § 2, 7-14-08; Ord. No. 110283, § 1, 6-7-12)

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*Editor's note—*

Ord. No. 070209, § 2, adopted July 14, 2008, repealed the former §§ 19-93—19-96 which pertained to insurance requirements, public areas available by drawing, setbacks, and signage, respectively, and derived from Ord. No. 970631, § 1, adopted June 8, 1998; Ord. No. 990299, § 1, adopted Oct. 25, 1999; and Ord. No. 061107, § 4, adopted July 23, 2007. Section 2 of Ord. No. 070209 renumbered the former § 19-97 as § 19-93. The historical notation has been retained with the amended provisions for reference purposes.

**Sec. 19-94. - Revocation of permit/license.**

Permits/licenses issued under this article may be revoked by the city manager or designee after written notice and opportunity for hearing for any of the following reasons:

(1)

Fraud, misrepresentation or false statement contained in the application for permit.

(2)

Any violation of this article.

**(3)**

Conviction of a felony by a court of competent jurisdiction of the operator, or any shareholder, partner or member of a business entity holding a 50-percent or greater interest in the vending both or itinerant food vending conveyance for any of the following: homicide, rape, aggravated battery, burglary, aggravated assault, kidnapping, robbery, child molestation, lewd and lascivious acts, criminal solicitation to commit any of the above, criminal attempt to commit any of the above, or possession, sale or distribution of narcotic drugs, barbituric acid derivatives or central nervous system stimulants.

**(4)**

Conducting business in an unlawful manner or in such a manner as to constitute a breach of the peace or to constitute a menace to the health, safety or general welfare of the public.

**(5)**

With respect to a vending booth, failure to operate for more than 14 days during the period from May 1 through September 30 of each year.

**(6)**

Refusal to remove the vending booth or itinerant food vending conveyance from the site at the end of each business day.

**(7)**

The vending booth or itinerant food vendor has been adjudicated guilty of, been found guilty of with adjudication withheld, waived the right to contest, or pled no contest to, three or more violations of city ordinances with respect to the vending operation.

Such revocation may be appealed directly to the city commission provided such appeal is filed with the clerk of the commission within 15 days of the time of the revocation by the city manager. The clerk shall schedule the hearing on the appeal at the next regular meeting of the city commission scheduled to be at least ten days from the date the appeal is filed. The clerk shall inform the city manager of the appeal, and the city manager shall forward the evidence used to determine the revocation, including minutes of the hearing, if any, to the clerk. No new evidence or testimony may be introduced before the city commission, which shall render its decision based upon the record. The city commission may reinstate the permit only if it finds an abuse of discretion in the decision of the city manager or designee.

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(Ord. No. 970631, § 1, 6-8-98; Ord. No. 990299, § 1, 10-25-99; Ord. No. 070209, § 2, 7-14-08)

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*Editor's note—*

Ord. No. 070209, § 2, adopted July 14, 2008, renumbered the former § 19-98 as § 19-94.

The historical notation has been retained with the amended provisions for reference purposes. See the editor's note to § 19-93 for further information.

**Sec. 19-95. - Vendors' stands.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to display, keep or maintain any stand, article or item of personal property, whether for sale, advertising or other purpose, on any of the streets or sidewalks of the city, or within 50 feet of the main entrance to any public building in the city during normal operating hours for that building, without first obtaining a permit from the city manager. This section does not apply to a vending booth properly permitted under this chapter.

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(Code 1960, § 23-17, Ord. No. 3956, § 1, 2-14-94; Ord. No. 970631, § 2, 6-8-98; Ord. No. 090297, § 3, 10-15-09)

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*Editor's note—*

Ord. No. 090297, § 3, adopted Oct. 15, 2009, renumbered the former § 23-41 as § 19-95.

The historical notation has been retained with the amended provisions for reference purposes.

**Secs. 19-96—19-109. - Reserved.**

## **Chapter 19 - PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS AND CANVASSERS**

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### **DIVISION 1. - GENERALLY**

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**Sec. 19-15. - Purpose, intent and findings.**

It is the purpose and intent of this article to preserve public safety, human life and convenience; to secure the comfort, health, welfare and prosperity of all city inhabitants; to ensure that the use of streets in the city does not become dangerous and that the free flow of traffic thereon is not impeded; to preserve privacy and quiet to those in the home; to protect city inhabitants against crime and undue annoyance; and to protect those on the streets and at home against abusive behavior by peddlers and canvassers.

It is also the purpose and intent of this article to address the significant public health, welfare and safety concerns and crowd control problems caused by peddling and canvassing on or near public streets which are in use by vehicular traffic. The city commission finds that such public health, welfare and safety concerns and crowd control problems arise because peddling involves the process of a peddler offering for sale goods, merchandise or wares to an occupant or operator of a vehicle which is in traffic, that vehicle occupant or operator must consider the offer, and, if the vehicle occupant or operator decides to purchase the goods, merchandise or wares, that person must reach for a wallet, search for money, or write a check, all while the peddler and vehicle are located on a public street in use by vehicular traffic. Based on the foregoing, the city commission finds that the activity of peddling from occupants or operators of vehicles located on streets in use by vehicular traffic distracts drivers from their primary duty to watch traffic and potential hazards in the road, observe all traffic signals or warnings and move through the city's streets and intersections in a lawful and safe manner and creates a potential safety hazard and poses a substantial risk to the public, and impedes the free flow of traffic on the streets within the city resulting in the delay and obstruction of the public's free flow of travel on the city's streets. The city commission further finds that the safety of peddlers, canvassers, pedestrians and operators or occupants of vehicles is at significant risk when peddlers or canvassers engage in their activities on or near public streets which are in use by vehicular traffic because the nature of these activities often entails peddlers and canvassers standing on traffic medians, bicycle paths and public streets in use by vehicular traffic, property only meant for the use and control of vehicular traffic and not peddling or canvassing activities.

It is not the purpose and intent of this article to prohibit peddling and canvassing in public areas when such activities will not interfere with vehicular traffic and cause traffic safety and traffic flow concerns. For example, peddlers may conduct their activities on public sidewalks so long as they are not conducting transactions with operators or occupants of vehicles in traffic and are otherwise in compliance with this Code. In addition, canvassers may engage in their activities on public sidewalks so long as they are otherwise in compliance with this Code.

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(Ord. No. 990695, § 1, 12-11-00; Ord. No. 061107, § 1, 7-23-07)

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**Sec. 19-16. - Definitions.**

For the purposes of this chapter, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed to them as follows:

*Bicycle path* shall mean any road, path, or way that is open to the public for bicycle travel, which road, path, or way is physically separated from motorized vehicular traffic by an open space or by a barrier and is located within a right-of-way.

*Canvasser* shall mean any person traveling either by foot, vehicle or other conveyance, from place to place, in order to solicit opinions for a survey or solicit support for a political campaign or any other cause, belief or issue.

*Peddler* shall mean any person who during the course of selling travels by foot, vehicle or any other type of conveyance from place to place, offering goods, wares or merchandise for sale or making sales and delivering articles purchased.

*Peddling from any operator or occupant of a vehicle that is in traffic on a public street* shall mean selling goods, wares or merchandise to any operator or occupant of a vehicle, coupled with an actual exchange of money or some article of value for any goods, wares or merchandise between the peddler and any operator or occupant of a vehicle while that vehicle is on the portion of a public street currently in use by vehicular traffic.

*Person* shall mean and include individuals, associations, firms, corporations, partnerships, bodies politic and corporate, and all other groups or combinations thereof.

*Public street* shall mean the entire width between the boundary lines of every way or place of whatever nature when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular traffic.

*Residential areas* shall mean all single-family and multi-family neighborhoods that are zoned with the residential zoning district categories referenced in the land development code, sections [30-51](#) through [30-55](#), and all residential planned developments.

*Traffic median* shall mean the dividing area, either paved or landscaped, between opposing lanes of vehicular traffic.

*Vehicles* shall mean any mobile item which normally uses wheels, whether motorized or not.

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(Code 1960, § 19-1; Ord. No. 3095, § 1, 1-14-85; Ord. No. 990695, § 1, 12-11-00; Ord. No. 061107, § 1, 7-23-07)

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*Cross reference— Definitions and rules of construction generally, § 1-2.*



**Sec. 19-17. - Restrictions and requirements.**

- (a)**

Peddlers and canvassers will terminate their activities in residential areas by 7:00 p.m. each day and will not resume their activities in residential areas before 9:00 a.m. the next day.
- (b)**

Peddlers are prohibited from peddling from any operator or occupant of a vehicle that is in traffic on a public street, as those terms are defined in this article.
- (c)**

Operators or occupants of vehicles that are in traffic on a public street are prohibited from offering money or other articles of value or buying goods, wares or merchandise from peddlers when doing so results in the actual exchange of money or some other article of value for goods, wares or merchandise between the peddler and the operator or occupant of a vehicle while that vehicle is on the portion of a public street currently in use by vehicular traffic.
- (d)**

No person shall stand on a traffic median, bicycle path or public street to peddle or canvass from an operator or occupant of any vehicle when in use by vehicular traffic.
- (e)**

Peddlers and canvassers are prohibited from engaging in their activities on residential premises in residential areas where a notice stating "No Solicitors" or "No Solicitation" is posted in plain view.
- (f)**

No more than two peddlers or canvassers shall contact any one member of the public at any one time.
- (g)**

Peddlers and canvassers will not persist in their activities after the request has been declined, and they will immediately and peaceably depart from the premises when requested to do so by the occupant.
- (h)**

Peddlers and canvassers shall not harass persons by demanding, threatening or intimidating conduct.

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(Ord. No. 990695, § 1, 12-11-00; Ord. No. 060113, § 1, 10-9-06; Ord. No. 061107, § 1, 7-23-07)

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**Sec. 19-18. - Sales of food items.**

The sale of food items shall be permitted under article IV of this chapter.

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(Ord. No. 990695, § 1, 12-11-00)

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**Sec. 19-19. - Business tax receipt requirement.**

Peddlers must meet the business tax receipt requirements provided in article III of [chapter 25](#).

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(Ord. No. 990695, § 1, 12-11-00; Ord. No. 070022, § 6, 6-25-07)

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**Sec. 19-20. - Penalty.**

Any person convicted of violating any of the provisions of this article shall be punished as provided in [section 1-9](#) of this Code.

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(Ord. No. 990695, § 1, 12-11-00; Ord. No. 061107, § 1, 7-23-07)

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**Sec. 30-107. - Temporary sales for fundraising by nonprofit agencies.**

(a)

The intent of this section is to permit the sale of goods, which may include the use of a building or parcel of land for such sales, by nonprofit institutions such as places of religious assembly, schools and fraternal societies, where such sales are clearly incidental to the primary function of such institution and where such a sale is conducted with or as a special event and for a specified time period.

(b)

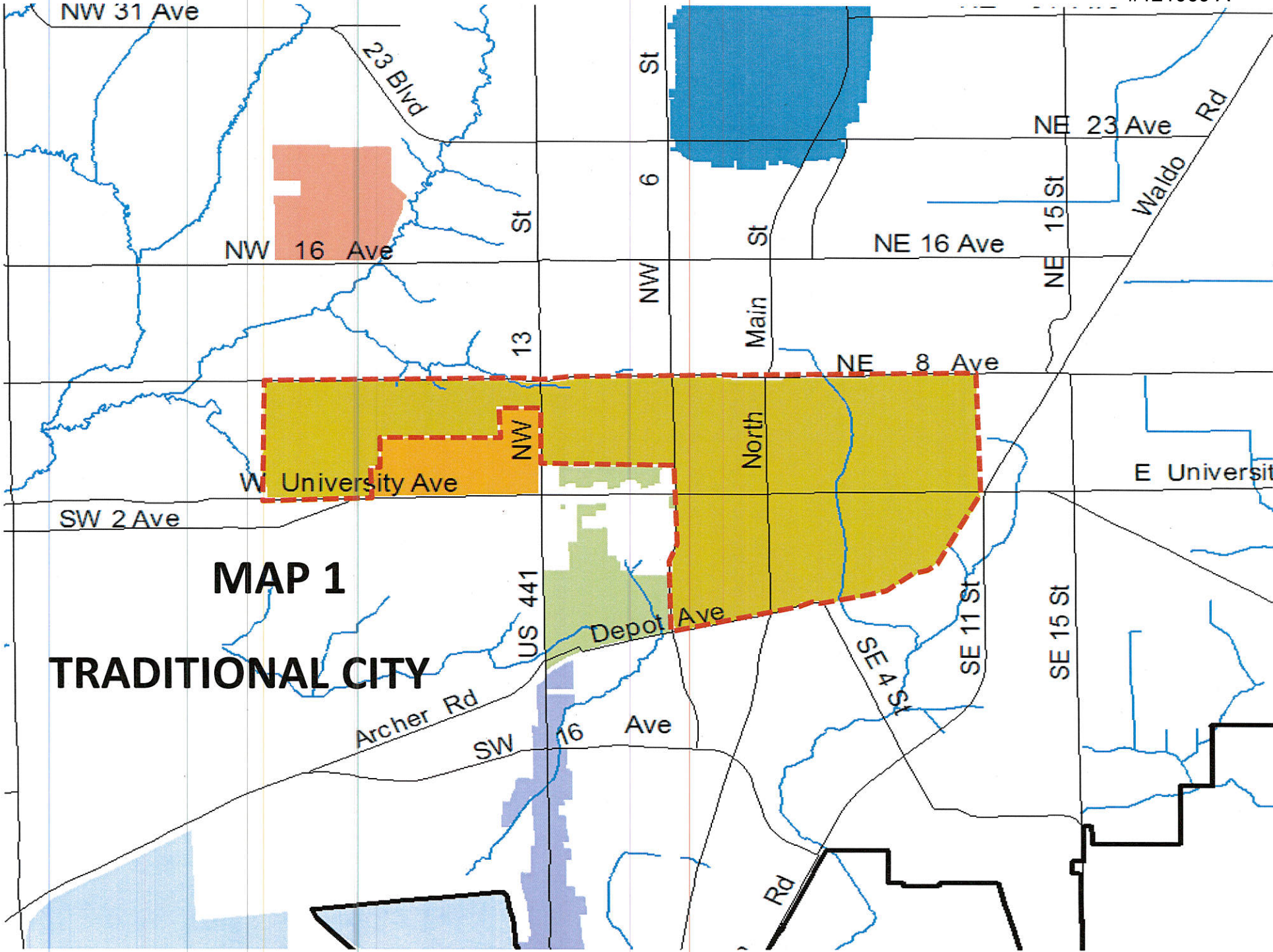
To qualify for permission to conduct such sales an applicant shall secure a permit from the city manager's designee. Approval of such a permit shall be based upon a consideration of the location, which may be in any zoning district, the type of goods to be sold, and the manner of sale, which shall have been examined and approved by the various departments of the city, particularly police, fire and traffic engineering, to ensure protection of the public health, safety and general welfare. In granting their approval such departments may suggest such conditions of approval as would be in keeping with their individual responsibilities and the general spirit and purpose of this section, and may recommend that approval of such permit be denied where conditions warrant. In the event of disapproval of a requested permit, the applicant may appeal directly to the city commission for final disposition.

(c)

A permit issued under the provisions of this section shall be effective for a period not to exceed 30 days.

(Ord. No. 3777, § 1, 6-10-92; Ord. No. 3993, § 12, 7-25-94)

**Cross reference**— *Noncommercial solicitation, § 19-51 et seq.*



# MAP 1

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# Map 2

