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Discussion on standards related to Mobile Food Vending

Issue/Request:

Mobile food vending regulations in the UDO lack detail when located on private property. The definitions of different types of mobile food vending are broad. Application requirements are reduced when located on private property. Hours of operation and duration of the use are not limited on private property outside the downtown.

Mobile food vending is covered under the special events part of the Code. Uses include the following:

Mobile food vending means the act of selling food and/or beverages by operating a mobile food truck, a mobile food cart, or a mobile packaged food delivery truck.

1. Mobile food cart. A non-self-propelled vehicle or stand limited to serving:
 - a. Non-potentially hazardous foods, as defined by the Jackson County Environmental Health Department,
 - b. Commissary-wrapped food maintained at proper temperatures, or
 - c. Limited to the preparation and serving of hot dogs or similar sausages.
2. Mobile food truck. An enclosed vehicle, truck or trailer licensed to operate on public roads in which a person travels from place to place to serve food or beverage.
3. Mobile packaged food delivery truck. An enclosed vehicle or truck licensed to operate on public roads in which a person travels from place to place to deliver packaged food that has been previously ordered.
4. Single-unit mobile food truck. A Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Class 1-7 vehicle, with vehicle weight less than 33,000 pounds, that is licensed to operate on public roads in which a person travels from place to place to sell packaged food items.

Application requirements are reduced on private property. For instance, a site plan is not required. Staff has been asking for marked up aerials or basic plans to analyze the applications for impacts to traffic and parking on commercial sites. Mobile food vending is allowed in any zoning district when on private property. Hours of operation and duration are not limited as well.

Staff recommends some basic limitations on hours of operation, duration and placement be added to the code.

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