



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

H-2

For the meeting of: June 13, 2017

Date: May 31, 2017
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Virginia Bass
Subject: Initiate regulations for allowing food trucks in the unincorporated areas of the County.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

Direct Planning and Building Department staff to begin preparation of regulations to allow food trucks within the unincorporated area of the County.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

DISCUSSION:

The County does not currently have any provisions to allow food trucks to occupy a permanent location. The Zoning Ordinance requires that restaurants be located within an existing building. A restaurant is the closest use type to a food truck; otherwise there is no provision in the code addressing food trucks. The County has allowed food trucks to operate as an accessory use to permanent commercial or industrial uses where food trucks come by at regular times of the day to provide food and beverages to employees. Food trucks are a growing trend in many places, as evidenced by the fact that both the City of Arcata and City of Eureka have provisions which allow food trucks to occupy permanent locations in their commercial districts.

Prepared by _____ Approval Virginia Bass

REVIEW:

Auditor _____ County Counsel _____ Human Resources _____ Other _____

TYPE OF ITEM:

☐ Consent
☐ Departmental
☐ Public Hearing
☒ Other ☐ Board Initiated

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. _____

Meeting of: _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
Upon motion of Supervisor _____ Seconded by Supervisor _____

Ayes _____
Nays _____
Abstain _____
Absent _____

SEE ACTION SUMMARY

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: _____

By: _____

Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

Allowing food trucks, appropriately placed, within the county provides an alternative source of food to consumers and encourages business development. While food trucks do not increase property values, they can generate sales tax revenue and provide jobs.

In order to allow food trucks, provisions should be added to the zoning ordinance to identify in what locations food trucks would be allowed and to create a simple review process allowing the location and operation to be reviewed and approved. The Planning and Building Department should be directed review the regulations of Arcata and Eureka and work with food truck operators and restaurant owners to develop regulations appropriate for the County.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no specific line item for these proposed regulations. This would be funded by the General Fund allocation of the Planning and Building Department Budget. This is consistent with the Board's Strategic Framework core role to encourage new local enterprise.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None.

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board could choose not to initiate work on regulations for food trucks, this would essentially keep the status quo and prohibit food trucks from occupying permanent locations.

ATTACHMENTS: N/A