

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION  
JUNE 17, 2014 AGENDA**

<p><b>Subject:</b></p> <p>An ordinance amending various provisions of Chapter 36 of the Code of Ordinances related to “Mobile Canteen Units”.</p> <p><b>Submitted By:</b></p> <p>Planning &amp; Development Department</p>	<p><b>Action Required:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">√<b>Ordinance</b> Resolution Approval Information Report</p>	<p><b>Approved By:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
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<b>SYNOPSIS</b>	Staff is proposing amendments to various provisions of the Zoning Ordinance related to mobile canteen units.
<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>	None
<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	Approval of the proposed ordinance amendment.
<b>CITIZEN PARTICIPATION</b>	The Planning Commission considered this matter at their May 1, 2014, meeting, and there were no objectors present. Copies of the proposed ordinance amendment were distributed to the Ordinance Amendment Contact List of 50± individuals, groups and agencies representing a broad spectrum of interested parties. Staff received two (2) e-mail responses, both supportive. The Commission voted 10 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent to recommend approval of the ordinance amendments.
<b>BACKGROUND</b>	Staff is proposing various amendments to the zoning ordinance related to the issue of mobile canteen units. Mobile canteen units have experienced a marked rise in popularity around the country and in the City of Little Rock. Mobile canteen units are able to dispense a large variety of foods, healthy meal options and foods from diverse cultural backgrounds to all areas of the City, including underserved areas.

**BACKGROUND**

As the industry expands, it produces jobs for operators; including entrepreneurial opportunities for small and minority-owned business operators. Popular mobile canteen units can attract foot traffic and encourage social interaction.

Staff feels it is necessary to update and clarify the regulations for operating mobile canteen units in the City.

The City currently permits mobile food vendors to setup and operate on properties which are zoned C-3, General Commercial District, C-4, Open Display Commercial District, and UU, Urban Use District. There are regulations concerning the placement and operation of the units.

This proposed ordinance amendment basically accomplishes three purposes:

1. Creates a zoning ordinance definition that clearly identifies “mobile canteen unit”.
2. Specifically places that use in various zoning districts and broadens the number of nonresidential zoning districts which would allow the use,
3. Codifies, by reference in each zoning district, the City-administered regulations concerning the placement and operation of the mobile canteen units.

A copy of the City-administered regulations is attached for informational purposes. Since those regulations are not specifically outlined in the Code, but are enforceable by reference, they can be changed as circumstances warrant.