



City Council
**Maintenance &
Development Committee**

36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103
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Lavar Click-Bruce (Chair)

~Final~

January 12, 2026

4:15 PM

City Hall - Room 200

Call To Order

4:15 PM Meeting called to order on January 12, 2026, in Hybrid Room 200, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA 01103.

Roll Call

In Person:

Lavar Click-Bruce
Tracye Whitfield
Victor Davila
Zaida Govan (*L)
Chris Cignoli

Public Portion

1. Amending Chapter 279: Peddling and Soliciting

Minutes:

Quick Recap

The Maintenance and Development Committee reviewed a proposed ordinance regulating mobile food trucks. Chris Cignoli presented the draft, which outlines permit requirements for operations on public and private property, operating hours, setback requirements, and fees. Committee members raised concerns about the permit appeal process, alcohol sales, the 500-foot residential buffer, and potential impacts on existing food truck events. Members emphasized the need for broader public and vendor input. The committee agreed to return the ordinance to the

City Council for further discussion and revisions after feedback is collected.

Key Discussion Points

Ordinance Overview

- Permits are required for food trucks operating on public and private property.
- Operating hours set at 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. on public property and 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. on private property.
- A maximum of two food trucks is allowed per private property.
- Permit fees are proposed at \$450 for six months on private property and \$225 for three months on public property.
- Enforcement is assigned to multiple city departments, with fines of \$100 per violation.

Appeal Process

- Permit revocations may be appealed to the Law Department within 15 days.
- Final determinations to be issued within 30 days by the City Solicitor or designee.
- Property owners may be notified and cited for violations occurring on their property.

Additional Considerations

- Food trucks are not permitted to sell alcohol under the ordinance. Alcohol sales would require separate event-specific licenses.
- Clarification needed for one- or two-day event permits and recurring events.
- Clarification needed regarding non-food sidewalk vendors such as kiosks and service tents.
- Concerns were raised about the 500-foot residential buffer and its impact on vendors and events.

Next Steps

Staff Responsibilities

- Distribute the current food truck policy and proposed ordinance to Councilor Govan and

other interested councilors.

- Notify all food truck vendors in the HHS database of the proposed ordinance and request feedback.
- Revise the ordinance based on feedback from councilors and vendors.
- Circulate the revised ordinance to vendors before the next committee meeting.
- Provide the current occupancy manual policy to councilors as requested.
- Review and clarify language related to short-term event permits, fees, and non-food sidewalk vendors.

Committee Actions

- Rehear the ordinance at the next committee meeting after feedback and revisions, before forwarding it to City Council for final consideration.

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