

## PRELIMINARY KEY POINTS AND PROCESS FOR REPORT DRAFTING

The 10-person Food Truck Policy Advisory Work Group was established by the City Manager in August 2013 to review the issues related to food trucks, consider a staff draft proposal as a starting point for discussion, and make suggestions for improvements or develop alternative proposals for Council's consideration. The Advisory Group met twice a month beginning on September 11, 2013 throughout the fall. All meetings were open to the public and included a public discussion period where members of the audience were able to voice their concerns and suggestions. Three of the meetings were devoted to obtaining public comment, respectively on the concept of traffic corridors in Carlyle, Del Ray, and Old Town. The Food Truck Policy Advisory Work Group also conducted a tour of the Washington, D.C. food truck sites to observe on a first hand basis how food trucks operated.

After much discussion and public comments, we believe we have reached a consensus on the following:

1. Food trucks will be allowed in public parks within park boundaries at the discretion of the RPCA Director.
2. Food trucks will be allowed at Special Events, as part of the permitting process of holding such events. Examples include First Night and parades.
3. Food trucks will be permitted at Farmers' Markets with the permission of the Market Master of each such Market.
4. Food trucks will be permitted at schools at the discretion of the Superintendent.
5. Food trucks will be permitted on private property, with the consent of the property owner. This includes private parking lots, churches, and private schools. Food trucks will also be permitted in residential areas provided that they are also licensed as a caterer. No vending shall be made to the public in such instances.
6. In all instances, food trucks will be required to make such provisions for disposal of truck waste, customer trash, and recycling as required and regulated through the permitting process. Loudspeakers are not permitted. No balloons or windblown signs are permitted.
7. All food trucks are to comply with existing parking times and fees, and are to be no larger than what would fit in a legal parking space (8 x 20'). All trucks must be less than 10.5 feet in height.
8. All generators must be enclosed so as to reduce noise and fumes, as regulated through the permitting process.

The foregoing may be deemed to be a policy of "Citywide in Specific Locations", as one of the alternatives set out as Item #1 in the 10/24/13 matrix created by the group.

The following could be termed "Selected Areas in Specific Locations", also considered to be one of the alternatives in the same matrix. <sup>1</sup>

At this juncture, there appears to be no consensus on the issue of food trucks along the traffic corridors proposed in Carlyle, in Del Ray, and in Old Town. However, even if the majority of the group decides—to give but one example—that no food trucks should be permitted in Carlyle, it is important to set out as clearly and precisely as possible the conditions that this group believes to be reasonable should a determination be made by City Council that food trucks be permitted in that area.

By way of proceeding forward, votes on other outstanding issues will be recorded votes based on a show of hands, but no recorded individual vote, only a statement in the group's report that "a majority voted for or against" a specific proposal. For example, "Do you support the proposal to have food trucks in Carlyle? In Del Ray? In Old Town?"

EVEN IF the majority votes to NOT have food trucks in any of these areas, it is the group must address the issues that will arise IF food trucks are to be allowed. Therefore, the nature and limits of such restrictions need to be explored, on each of the three foregoing areas. (Again, this is a report that others will review and reach decisions based on our examination.)

As to Carlyle traffic corridor, should food trucks be limited to:

- Eisenhower Avenue traffic corridor only?
- Should they be permitted as well along Delaney and John Carlyle?

As to Del Ray traffic corridor, should food trucks be limited to:

- In front of the DCHS building?
- The Arlandria City parking lot?
- The Four Mile Run Park parking lot?

As to Old Town traffic corridor, should food trucks be limited to:

- King Street Gardens (near the Metro), on the south side of the 1700 block of King Street?
- In front of the courthouse on the south side of King Street?
- By City Hall on the east side of the 100 block of North Royal Street?

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<sup>1</sup> There does not appear to be any support for the "Citywide with no Restrictions" alternative