

Council Meeting Staff Report

May 24, 2022

Agenda No.:	A.
Indexes (Council Goals):	* 2021 Council Goal - Enhancing Support and Opportunities for the Local Business Environment, 2018 Council Goal – Economic Vitality – Promote a Strong and Diverse Economic Base By Encouraging New Business Growth
Presenters:	Paul Andrus; Bryce Ternet; Sobia Sayeda
Legislative File:	CO0632-22b

Title

Incorporated County of Los Alamos Ordinance No. 02-320 Mobile Food Vending Ordinance

Recommended Action

I approve, Incorporated County of Los Alamos Ordinance No. 02-320; I further move that, upon passage, the Ordinance be published in summary form.

County Manager's Recommendation

The County Administrator recommends that Council introduce Incorporated County of Los Alamos Ordinance No. 02-320.

Board, Commission or Committee Recommendation

The Planning and Zoning Commission on April 21, 2022 recommended, with a 5-0 vote, that the County Council approve Ordinance No. 02-320. Recommendation (shown in Attachment F) was based on the Findings of Fact established at the hearing and conclusion that the Applicant has met each applicable review criteria contained within Section 16-158 of the Los Alamos County Development Code and acted under the authority granted to them by Section 16-452 (b)(1)(a) of the Development Code.

Body

Case No. ZCA-2021-0010, Ordinance No. 02-320, an ordinance amending the text of Chapter 16, Article I Section 9, Article VII Section 278, Section 288, and Article XIV Section 577 to adopt local regulations for mobile food vending. **See Attachment E.** If approved, the proposed text amendment would be implemented through the adoption of an ordinance, Ordinance 02-320. **See Attachment B.**

Background

Background research has been conducted on the topic of mobile food vending from 2018 to present by Los Alamos County Community Development Department and Discoveries Action Team in partnership with Economic Development and Community Development Services. Extensive data was collected utilizing public survey conducted electronically between October 8th and November 8th 2021. **See Attachment D.**

Summary

The proposed text amendments and associated draft ordinance address mobile food vending on private land, public land, and public right-of-way within Los Alamos County ("the County"). The proposed text amendments are submitted for consideration in response to increased demand and interest from local business owners to obtain a business license for food trucks to be operated in Los Alamos County. Although the County's Chapter 16 Development Code is currently undergoing an update process, the County is attempting to incorporate mobile food vending ordinance into County Code in order to have local regulations in place effective as soon as possible.

Alternatives

The County Council may deny Incorporated County of Los Alamos Ordinance No. 02-320.

Attachments

- A -Notice of Public Hearing for Code Ordinance No. 02-320
- B - Incorporated County of Los Alamos Draft Ordinance No. 02-320
- C - Text Amendment Application
- D - Mobile Food Vending Survey
- E - ZCA-2021-0010 Staff Report
- F - PZ Recommendation on ZCA-2022-0010