

Providence City Plan Commission

April 18, 2023



AGENDA ITEM 5 ■ MOBILE FOOD SALES

OVERVIEW

PETITIONER:	City Lofts LLC	RECOMMENDATION:	Recommend approval of the proposed amendment
CASE NO./ PROJECT TYPE:	CPC Referral 3543 Amendment of ordinance pertaining to mobile food sales		
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	Amendment of Section 1203.C of the zoning ordinance pertaining to temporary mobile food sales	PROJECT PLANNER:	Choyon Manjrekar

Discussion

The petitioner is requesting to amend Section 1203.C of the zoning ordinance pertaining to temporary mobile food sales. The petitioner is requesting that the ordinance be amended to include language pertaining to the operation and regulation of mobile food sales. The amendment would expand licensing of mobile food sales to the Department of Business Regulation and the Board of Licenses. Incidental entertainment would be permitted during hours of operation—which will cease at 10 pm. Alcohol sales would be permitted in the Downcity overlay district. Further, the definition of Temporary Mobile Food Sales would include alcohol preparation and add containers as suitable locations for these uses.

It is the DPD's opinion that the proposed changes would expand the function of mobile food sales and better define what is permitted. The changes are in conformance with objectives BJ-4 and BJ-5 of the comprehensive plan which support creating a business friendly environment and supporting the growth of neighborhood businesses that enhance the quality of life in City neighborhoods. The Comprehensive plan characterizes Downtown as an area where a mix of uses is encouraged to foster commercial and business activity. Provision of alcohol and incidental entertainment would conform to this description. The changes are in conformance with the purposes of zoning outlined in section 101 of the zoning ordinance as definition of a range of uses and allowable intensities appropriate to the City's character is listed as one of the criteria.

Recommendation

Based on the foregoing discussion, the DPD recommends that the CPC make a positive recommendation to the City Council to approve the proposed amendment.