



County of Fairfax, Virginia

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BOARD MATTER

Chairman Sharon Bulova and Supervisor Linda Smyth January 29, 2013

BACKGROUND: A mobile food truck is, essentially, a restaurant on wheels. Foods trucks may sell prepackaged foods, fresh-cooked foods that were prepared at another location or -- if the truck is equipped with a kitchen -- foods made right inside the vehicle itself. Food trucks have a variety of applications and sell many different kinds of food, from ice cream to gourmet meals and have enjoyed a revival in recent years. These trucks often appear near office parks and are now appearing in areas like Tysons.

The food truck trade, especially in the Tysons area, raises a number of issues we need to examine from the general health department issues to sales tax collection as well as competition they present to established brick and mortar restaurants that are required to pay real estate taxes, C&I taxes, Dulles Rail taxes and now the Tysons Transportation Service District tax as well. Other jurisdictions such as the District of Columbia have developed regulations and we need to see if there are steps we can and should be taking.

MOTION: Therefore, madam chairman, I move that the relevant agencies within Fairfax County including, but not limited to, the Department of Tax Administration, the Office of the County Attorney, the Department of Consumer Protection, the Health Department and the Department of Planning and Zoning consider all issues associated with the operation of food trucks in the county and report back to the board with their findings not later than the spring of this year.

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