



CITY OF LODI COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Set Public Hearing for June 6, 2007, to consider the introduction of an ordinance amending the Lodi Municipal Code to create comprehensive regulations for mobile food vendors and itinerant merchants

MEETING DATE: May 16, 2007

PREPARED BY: Community Development Department

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Set a Public Hearing for June 6, 2007, to consider the introduction of an ordinance amending the Lodi Municipal Code to create comprehensive regulations for mobile food vendors and itinerant merchants.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: On July 19, 2006, the Community Development Department presented information to the City Council pertaining to regulations that apply to food vendor operations in this community.

That presentation included a review of existing code regulations and also a reference to previously proposed regulations and upcoming changes in the Development Code that would address these issues, as well as the traffic, health and safety concerns that staff has regarding the permanent operation of food vending vehicles from private property.

At the conclusion of that presentation, direction was given to initiate an enforcement action to address the permanent operation of food vending vehicles on private property, by using our existing code regulations. That action was rescinded at a subsequent meeting on September 20, 2006, and further direction was given to begin the process to establish rules to meet the needs of the City and the community and that the issue of itinerant merchants also be included in that process.

In the crafting of a new ordinance, staff has been reviewing ordinances from other jurisdictions and met with local vendors at the Lodi Improvement Committee meeting on April 3, 2007, for their input. The comments of both the vendors and the Lodi Improvement Committee members were considered in the preparation of a draft ordinance that was previewed before the Council at the May 1st Shirtsleeve meeting. Based upon comments at the Shirtsleeve, a draft ordinance is being prepared for Council consideration.

FISCAL IMPACT: None at this time.

FUNDING AVAILABLE: N/A

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