Public Safety Commission Meeting 06-03-26

Item 5.B.

Public Safety Commission Agenda Report

To: Chair Spiegel and the Members of the Public Safety Commission

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Date prepared: May 27, 2026 Meeting date: June 3, 2026

Subject: Update on Food Truck Operations

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file a report on recent enforcement efforts to address issues involving food trucks.

DISCUSSION: At the March 6, 2024 Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting, the Commission recommended that staff research what portions of the sidewalk vending ordinance can be applied to food trucks and research the possibility of establishing predetermined areas to allow food truck vending. Since that time, staff have explored numerous options and in 2025, the Public Safety Department partnered with the Code Enforcement Division, and City Prosecutor's Office to further evaluate available enforcement tools, operational impacts, and potential regulatory options related to food truck operations.

Initially, staff explored the possibility of pursuing Municipal Code amendments to address concerns related to parking, traffic safety, sanitation, noise, and operational impacts of food trucks. After an in-depth operational review, staff determined the City was not fully utilizing the enforcement authority already available through adopted Los Angeles County Code provisions and existing Municipal Code authority. However, it was determined that an amendment to the Oversize Vehicle Ordinance to prohibit parking within 20 feet of an intersection or driveway would increase safety by improving line of sight for vehicles entering or exiting streets and driveways. This amendment is expected to be presented to the City Council on July 13, 2026.

Staff have recently participated in several coordination meetings, field training, and multi-agency enforcement operations with the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector,

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, LAZ Parking Enforcement, and City of Malibu Public Safety personnel. Through this, staff have developed a significantly better understanding of their enforcement authority. As a result of these coordinated efforts and strengthened interagency partnerships, the City is now able to effectively enforce adopted County Code provisions applicable to food truck operations, including:

- Business licensing requirements, Health permit requirements,
- Route sheet requirements, operational and location restrictions,
- Noise restrictions,
- Sanitation requirements,
- Parking and traffic safety regulations, and
- Administrative citation authority and misdemeanor enforcement provisions.

To date, Code Enforcement Officers have:

- Conducted three (3) coordinated multi-agency enforcement operations;
- Performed ongoing daily drive-by inspections and compliance monitoring;
- Contacted all regularly operating food trucks within the city; and
- Coordinated enforcement efforts with County agencies and Public Safety partners.

In addition, all but one of the regularly operating food trucks within the City have now obtained the required permits and business licenses and are operating in substantially greater compliance than previously observed. At this time, staff believes the proposed amendment to the Oversize Vehicle Code along with the current coordinated enforcement approach utilizing existing Municipal and adopted County Code authority is functioning effectively and pursuing a food truck Municipal Code is not needed. Staff will continue monitoring operational impacts and may revisit targeted ordinance amendments in the future if operational gaps are identified.

ATTACHMENTS: None.