Mobile Food Vendor City Code Updates

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New Mobile Food License Exemption: Special Events

- Operating at a Special Event that is either:
 - Licensed by the City and the Mobile Food Vendor is Identified on the Vendor List for the Special Event (MCC Title 5, Chapter 1), OR
 - In a City Park and Permitted (MCC Title 6, Chapter 10)
- And Limited to 4 Special Events per Year
- And Mobile Food Unit is Current on Annual Fire Inspection

Existing License Requirements - No Changes

- Compliance with the Mesa Zoning Code
- Compliance with the Mesa Fire Code
- Annual Fire Safety Inspection
- Compliance with Right of Way Parking Requirements
- Litter Maintenance
- Compliance with Mesa Noise Regulations
- Compliance with Mesa Sign Restrictions
- Insurance Requirements

New Location Requirements: Area Zoned for Residential Use

- Current Requirement: Restriction on operating within 25 feet from a lot or parcel with a residence and few exceptions
- Suggested Change: Restriction on operating within 250 feet of an area zoned for residential use with more exceptions than current language
- Suggested change more closely mirrors Model Ordinance from the League of Arizona Cities & Towns

Exceptions to New Location Requirements: Area Zoned for Residential Use

- > The 250' separation requirement Does Not Apply if:
 - Operating on Private Property and Either:
 - Operation is Pursuant to a Council-Approved Ordinance or Resolution with a Site Plan or Development Agreement, OR
 - 3 or Less Mobile Food Units Operating at One Time and Mobile Food Units don't Operate on the Property More than 4 Times Per Year.
 - Operating at a Licensed/Permitted Special Event
 - Primarily Selling Ice Cream Novelties
 - Parked in Right-of-Way adjacent to Private Property and not more than 4 days per year.

- If directed by Council
 - > Introduction: 12/1/2021
 - Consider Adoption: 12/8/2021
 - > Effective: 3/1/2022

Questions and Direction

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