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TO: Nicholas Mimms, City Manager
Honorable Mayor and City Commission

FROM: Rebecca Grohall, Planning Manager

RE: Mobile Food Vendor – Joe’s Dawgs

DATE: June 20, 2016

On September 15, 2014, the City Commission voted approval of Ordinance 14-019 and established the regulations for lunch trucks, hot dog carts, ice cream and other forms of mobile food establishments in Chapter 9 of the Code of Ordinances.

An application was made for a hot dog cart (Joe’s Dawgs) to operate at 111 Orange Avenue, Fort Pierce, FL, commonly known as the One Eleven Building and Art Mundo, owned by One Eleven Orange, LLC. City Staff cannot issue the vendor permit because the desired location is located within 500 feet of several similar type of business and is also located within 1000 feet from an approved special event location. Section 9-97 allows for sites to petition for a public hearing by the City Commission to grant a variance from the distance requirements, similar to the waiver of distance for alcoholic beverage licenses.

Distance Criteria (please refer to map on next page)

As part of Section 9-111 (b)(1), the site must be at least 500 feet from a similar type of business. There are at least eight in the 500 foot radius: including Subway, 7-11, 2nd Street Bistro, Uncle Carlo’s, Tapas 121, Importico’s, the Orange Blossom, Sunrise City Café, Lorenzo’s and Bangkok Inn.

Additionally, as part of Section 9-111 (b)(3) the site must be 1,000 feet away from a special event site. This site is within of 1,000 feet of the Marina and waterfront areas which hold special events.

Much like a waiver of distance for alcoholic beverage licenses – the Vendor ordinance does provide for the City Commission to consider granting the license through the public hearing process. Based upon the corner location showing in his application, this site meets the other distance requirements in that it is 300 feet from a school, church, or city/county park. St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church is roughly 320 feet away.

Staff recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Commission conduct a public hearing and approve the application.

