



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

THROUGH: Rebecca Grohall, Planning Director

FROM: Maria Lewicka, Historic Preservation Planner

RE: Mobile Food Vendor – Fork It Over

DATE: November 9, 2016

On September 15, 2014, the City Commission approved Ordinance 14-019 establishing regulations for lunch trucks, hot dog carts, ice cream and other forms of mobile food establishments identified in Chapter 9 of the Code of Ordinances. Section 9-111 (b) of the Code of Ordinances requires that mobile food establishments must be at least 500 feet from a similar type of business; at least 300 feet from a school, church, or any city or county park; and 1000 feet from any approved special event.

Prove the variance for D, Fort Pierce, Florida. (Please refer to map on page 2). The proposed operating location is within 500 feet of similar types of businesses (of which there are currently two: “Bo’s Crab Spot” and “R & L Ribs, Chicken & Seafood”) and within 300 feet of a church (of which there are two, “Miracle Prayer Temple” and “Triumph Church and Kingdom of God”).



Therefore, City Staff cannot issue a vendor permit unless City Commission grants a variance to the distance requirements of Section 9-111.

Similar to a waiver of distance for alcoholic beverage licenses, the Mobile Vendor ordinance provides for the City Commission to consider granting a variance to the ordinance and issue of the vendor permit through the public hearing process.

The proposed site meets all other distance requirements of the ordinances (300 feet from a school or city/county park and 1000 feet from an approved special event).

The proposed site is located in C3 and C2 Zoning Districts and therefore meets also the commercial zoning location requirement of Section 9- 76.

Staff recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Commission conduct a public hearing and approve the applicant variance request for the food truck as proposed.

