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Roadblock Removed: Rules for Food Trucks Finally Ready for Implementation

SAN DIEGO (September 15, 2014) – Council President Todd Gloria today announced the City Council removed the final hurdle impeding implementation of rules for mobile food trucks that were approved in March. The City Council today adopted a resolution overruling the Airport Authority's Determination of Inconsistency for the ordinance. Once the Mayor's signature is secured on the resolution, the original food truck ordinance would go into effect in the non-coastal zones. The Coastal Commission is expected to consider the ordinance for the coastal zones this fall.

The Airport Authority deemed the City's food truck ordinance inconsistent with its zones and has been treating food trucks, which are a low intensity/mobile vending use, as if they were a new retail food establishment.

"The idea behind the food truck ordinance was to allow food trucks to legally operate, and I would hate to see the rules limited if it isn't absolutely necessary," said Council President Gloria. **"I'm glad that this roadblock has been cleared so that the rules the City Council approved can be implemented and food trucks will be able to operate in San Diego in a way that doesn't negatively impact our neighborhoods."**

Council President Gloria also noted existing provisions in the Land Development Code and in the food truck ordinance which regulate the high intensity commercial use that concerned the Airport Authority.

The ordinance was developed during Gloria's tenure as Interim Mayor to address inconsistent regulation and enforcement during the previous mayoral administration.

The approved food truck ordinance is expected go into effect soon and provides that private property owners who host food trucks must apply for an over the counter permit from the City's Development Services Department. Food truck operators are not required to get permits.

No permits are required for property owners in industrial areas where the food truck is providing a private catering service or at schools, hospitals, religious facilities, or construction sites.

In residential areas, the City Council approved a limit on hours of operation in order to reduce the potential for late night noise impacts on residents. The proposed hours of limitation within 300 feet of a dwelling unit are 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 6:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Council President Gloria clarified that this doesn't mean food trucks couldn't operate within 300 feet of a residence; it only puts very sensible time limitations on those operations.

The ordinance also includes:

- Locations where food trucks need minimal staff review in order to limit the time, place, and manner of operations to minimize potential conflicts between pedestrians and vehicles. In

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locations mapped as high parking demand with limited on-street parking availability, food trucks will be limited to operating on private property in order to help preserve the much needed on-street parking.

- A requirement for the City Council to review the ordinance for effectiveness, public input, and potential changes in one year.
- Food truck operators will be required to clean 25 feet around the vehicle.

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