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Dear Planning Dept. City of Bandon,

I am writing in support of the City's consideration to allow use of Mobile Food Units on properties zoned Commercial or Industrial. A property that we restored, 640 2nd Street, home of Bandon Rain and Eat 101 food truck, has seen the beneficial use of private property to offer additional opportunities for the property owner, the Commercial Tenant and the Food Truck Operator.

In this situation, allowed during COVID hardships, we have an example of how this combination actually worked out for all parties including the general Community and Tourists. We requested and received the agreement from Face Rock Creamery before we entered into this arrangement. They too offer excellent food choices, Eat 101 complements the offering to the public, with a different menu than FRC's establishment. The occasional siting of the Food Truck on this block offers choices for folks; a cluster of activity with food and drink offerings seems to benefit all by attracting more options for people to come here as a destination for entertainment and eating.

I do feel strongly that Food Trucks should share in the costs of contributing to our City of Bandon for supporting infrastructure. It is not fair for Brick and Mortar property owners to pay property taxes, insurance, mortgages/rent while Mobile Food Units slide in and park for free. There should be appropriate Fees paid for the benefit they receive. They need to pay their fair share to the City and to the property owner providing the electricity, water, clean up, ambiance - 'fair share neighbors'. It is also a reasonable expectation that nearby food establishments should have the right to request a certain distance requirement from their front doors. Investment decisions were made based on existing rules, this is a new paradigm. I can envision a situation where an unsightly food truck wants to park immediately in front of an established restaurant. Perhaps your Planning Dept. can draft an Ordinance that accomplishes a level of protection for existing Restaurant owners, proper notice and permission within certain distances may be a requirement?

There are opportunities for our City to include this popular Food Truck Trend. I support the City's consideration to study this issue and make wise decisions. It's possible to protect the unique quality of Bandon's authentic experience AND provide controlled opportunities for added dining choices with the allowance of Mobile Food Units.

Sincerely,

Heidi Sause