

Introduced by: Councilmember Male

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND  
RESOLUTION 2012-42**

**AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PILOT PROGRAM  
FOR MOBILE FOOD SERVICE (FOOD TRUCKS) IN TAKOMA JUNCTION**

**WHEREAS,** the Takoma Junction Task Force produced a report calling for an increased focus on Takoma Junction (“the Junction”), specifically recommending the creation of programming designed to enhance existing community-scale businesses and to attract new businesses, including food truck vendors, to the area; and

**WHEREAS,** the Old Takoma Business Association (OTBA), through an agreement with the City of Takoma Park, is well-positioned to oversee increased programming in the Junction; and

**WHEREAS,** a pilot project has been proposed to allow for the programming of a variety of food trucks in the Junction that would improve the visibility of the area while encouraging community support of existing businesses.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND** authorizes the establishment of a pilot program for mobile food service in Takoma Junction under the following specific terms:

- A. The Takoma Junction Food Truck Pilot Program (Pilot Program) shall be managed by the Old Takoma Business Association (OTBA) under the terms and conditions of its Fiscal Year 2013 Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Takoma Park.
- B. OTBA shall assume sole responsibility for the selection, scheduling and oversight of individual Food Truck Vendors (“Vendors”).
- C. Vendors must have a current Mobile Food Service License issued by the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services. Selected Vendors are exempted from obtaining the required City licenses while participating in the Pilot Program.
- D. Scheduled Vendors shall operate in a to-be-designated portion of the City lot adjacent to the Takoma Park Silver Spring Food Co-op. The terms of this Pilot Program do not extend to other City-owned facilities.
- E. Selected Vendors may operate on a rotating schedule, determined by OTBA, on Fridays between the hours of 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. or sunset, whichever is later, and at OTBA's discretion for up to two additional evenings per week during the same hours, or weekend daytime hours.

- F. OTBA shall ask Vendors for proof of appropriate liability insurance coverage but may waive Vendor coverage at its discretion.
- G. The sale of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.
- H. The use of polystyrene or Styrofoam food service ware and containers is discouraged.
- I. Vendors must ensure removal of all trash and recyclables, and leave the site clean and free of debris.
- J. OTBA shall market and publicize the program.
- K. Vendors may provide tables, chairs, shading, lighting, and other amenities for patrons, which must be removed at closing time.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the approved Takoma Junction Food Truck Pilot Program shall be in place for a period of three months, effect immediately and expiring on October 5, 2012. OTBA shall prepare and deliver to the Council, by September 17, 2012, a report covering food-truck patronage and vendor and public reaction, with its own assessment and recommendations. Barring negative direction from the Council, OTBA may continue the Pilot Program, at its discretion, until December 21, 2012, with the exception of Thanksgiving week.

Adopted this 9th day of July, 2012

Attest:

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Jessie Carpenter, CMC  
City Clerk