



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Title

A Motion to Concur with the Farmers' Market Commission's Recommendation to Amend Chapter 18 ("Peddlers and Solicitors"), Article 2 ("Farmers' Market") of the Oak Park Village Code to Create a Service Provider Category of Permitted Vendor Related to Home Food Production, Processing or Preparation

Overview

The Farmers' Market Commission unanimously voted at their January 9, 2019 meeting to submit a recommendation to the Village Board to amend Chapter 18 ("Peddlers and Solicitors"), Article 2 ("Farmers' Market") of the Village Code to create a "service provider" category of permitted vendor related to home food production, processing or preparation. The Farmers' Market Commission is requesting that the Village Board direct staff to prepare the necessary ordinance in support of their recommendation.

Staff Recommendation

Approve the motion. However, staff is strongly recommending that the ordinance be clear on the definition of "Service Provider" as to limit the vendor category to vendors that explicitly provide for a service and not sell a product. Explicit language will also allow the Farmers' Market Manager to review incoming applications and identify vendors falling within the "service" business category vs. "product" category.

Fiscal Impact

N/A

Background

At the November 14, 2018 Farmers' Market Commission meeting, commissioner Dina Ross inquired about allowing a knife sharpening business to participate at the farmers' market. The current enabling Village ordinance language under Chapter 18 "Peddlers and Solicitors" Article 2 "Farmers' Market" current prohibits this category of vendor/permittee. There was sufficient interest from the Farmers' Market Commission members to continue discussion on this inquiry until the next regularly scheduled Farmers' Market commission meeting.

At the January 9, 2019 Farmers' Market Commission meeting the Farmers' Market Commission voted unanimously to submit a recommendation to the Village Board to direct staff to amend the Farmers' Market

Ordinance to create a “Service Provider” category of permittee/vendor related to home food production, processing or preparation.

Alternatives

Not approve the motion and/or refer the item back to the Farmers’ Market Commission for further review and/or clarification.

Previous Board Action

N/A

Citizen Advisory Commission Action

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At the January 9, 2019 Farmers’ Market Commission meeting the Farmers’ Market Commission voted unanimously to submit a recommendation to the Village Board to direct staff to amend the Farmers’ Market Ordinance to create a “Service Provider” category of permittee/vendor related to home food production, processing or preparation. The initial intent is to allow the Farmers’ Market to permit a knife sharpening business to participate within the Farmers’ Market.

Anticipated Future Actions/Commitments

N/A

Intergovernmental Cooperation Opportunities

N/A

Performance Management (MAP) Alignment

N/A