



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"), Section 18-2-2 ("Definitions") of the Oak Park Village Code to Remove the Requirement that Fish Vendors be from the Five (5) State Region of Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan and/or Indiana and Direct Staff to Prepare the Necessary Ordinance

Overview

The Farmers' Market Commission voted at their November 14, 2018 meeting to submit a recommendation to the Village Board to amend Chapter 18 "Peddlers and Solicitors" Article 2 "Farmers' Market" to allow for the sale of frozen fish that was caught/captured outside the five state region of Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan and/or Indiana. 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.

Fiscal Impact

N/A

Background

The Farmers' Market Commission voted at their November 14, 2018 meeting to submit a recommendation to the Village Board to amend Chapter 18 ("Peddlers and Solicitors"), Article 2 ("Farmers' Market") Section 18-2-2 ("Definitions") of the Village Code to allow for the sale of frozen fish that was caught/captured outside the five state region of Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan and/or Indiana. The Farmers' Market Commission is requesting that the Village Board direct staff to prepare the necessary ordinance in support of their recommendation.

The Farmers' Market Commission and Farmers' Market Manager have identified that customers are interested in the sale of fish at the Oak Park Farmers' Market. The Farmers' Market Manager has searched for fish vendors from the five state region of Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan and/or Indiana and found no available fish vendors. In order to attract a fish vendor to apply for the Farmers' Market, the Farmers' Market Commission is recommending the ordinance be amended. The Farmers' Market Commission and staff have identified at least one fish vendor that uses sustainable practices and is family owned that is interested in

applying to sell frozen fish at the Farmers' Market, this fish vendor is located in Alaska. Amending the ordinance would allow the Farmers' Market Manager to pursue a fish vendor to sell at the farmers' market.

Attached is the current Farmers' Market ordinance.

Alternatives

Not approve the motion.

Previous Board Action

In 2004 the Village ordinance was amended to add "frozen fish" to the products that could be sold at the farmers' market. In 2016 the Village ordinance was amended to remove the limitations on the number of "frozen meat, poultry or fish" vendors that were allowed to participate at the market. The previous limitation was up to two (2) vendors per market season.

Citizen Advisory Commission Action

The Farmers' Market Commission is submitting this motion.

Anticipated Future Actions/Commitments

N/A

Intergovernmental Cooperation Opportunities

N/A

Performance Management (MAP) Alignment

N/A