



February 19, 2019

Honorable Mayor Bobby Dyer  
Members of City Council  
Municipal Center – City Hall, Building #1  
2401 Courthouse Drive  
Virginia Beach, VA 23456

RE: The Proposed Food Truck Ordinance

Dear Honorable Mayor Dyer and Members of Virginia Beach City Council:

We understand that City Council will be reviewing food truck fees and regulations at tonight's session. We have no problem with the idea of making the cost structure a bit more attractive for food truck businesses, but we believe there shouldn't be a change in fee structure until all issues (licensing, taxes, background checks, locations, etc.) for food trucks and their operators are reviewed and vetted with various stakeholders.

Additionally, we understand the new state food truck ordinance takes effect July 1, 2019, and it's important we understand what it entails before we rush into a decision that might be voided by state code.

To be clear, the Atlantic Avenue Association is not against food trucks or food truck operators; however, as with any other proposed new idea that impacts our community, to avoid undesirable unintended consequences, we believe proper vetting of a comprehensive food truck ordinance by community groups, civic leagues, business associations and city staff will give the best result for everyone.

Sincerely,

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