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CITY COUNCIL APPROVES ADDITIONAL MOBILE FOOD VEHICLE STAND LOCATIONS

More Designated Spots to Allow Food Trucks to Operate in Higher-Density Neighborhoods

The City Council today approved a plan by Mayor Rahm Emanuel to add nine more dedicated mobile food truck stands in higher-density neighborhoods that provide the space to operate in addition to the legal parking spaces food trucks currently use.

“These dedicated stands for food trucks provide additional parking opportunities and expanded operations to foster this growing industry,” said Mayor Emanuel. “They will also help to safeguard communities from added congestion and public safety issues.”

Similar to a traditional loading zone, these dedicated locations will help food truck operators to park safely, especially in high-congestion areas where parking is scarce. The City Council approved the first 21 such zones last fall. These nine additional sites will bring the number of dedicated food truck zones to 30.

The proposed additional mobile food truck stands are in the following locations:

- 902 W. Adams St. (Mary Bartelme Park)
- 436 W. Taylor St. (South Loop Neighborhood)
- 1400 W. Adams St. (Whitney Young High School)
- 1851 W. Jackson Blvd. (Malcolm X College)
- 150 W. Van Buren St. (Chicago Board of Trade)
- 65 E. Harrison St. (Columbia College)
- 2500 N. Cannon Dr. (Lincoln Park)
- 3628 N. Broadway (Lakeview Neighborhood)
- 1760 N. Sheffield Ave. (Ranch Triangle Neighborhood)

The sites were selected through a collaborative process with the Chicago Department of Transportation, aldermen, and neighborhood business communities.

Food truck operators are now permitted to prepare “food to order” on board their trucks and have the opportunity to park for free in these proposed “food truck stands” in highly congested areas, as well as legal metered spaces that are 200 feet from a retail food establishment.

Each food truck will be able to park at one food stand or other legal parking spot for up to two hours.

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