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CITY COUNCIL TO REVIEW ADDITIONAL MOBILE FOOD VEHICLE STAND LOCATIONS

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

Mayor Rahm Emanuel introduced a plan to the City Council today to add five more dedicated mobile food truck stands in higher-density neighborhoods that would 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. These five additional sites would bring the number of dedicated food truck zones to 30.

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

- 200 S. LaSalle St. (Loop)
- 151 N. Franklin St. (Loop)
- 185 N. Upper Columbus Dr. (Lake Shore East)
- 105 E. Monroe St.(Millennium Park)
- 300 S. Wabash Ave. (DePaul Loop Campus)

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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