



Department Source: Public Works

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: October 15, 2018

Re: Amending Chapters 11, 22 and 24 of the City Code relating to Proper Storage and Disposal of Fats, Oils and Greases

Executive Summary

Staff is requesting to amend Chapters 11, 22 and 24 of the City Code to require food establishments to properly store and dispose of fats, oils and greases, and to make it unlawful to place these liquids in trash compactors and dumpsters within the boundaries of the Downtown Community Improvement District.

Discussion

There are currently a number of ways that downtown food establishments dispose of liquid fats, oils and greases. While some have an internal storage tank where these liquids are siphoned off by a private company, others use privately owned and operated grease bins placed outside their establishments, with some placed in the public right-of-way. All of these bins are owned by out-of-state companies.

The Columbia Public Works department has worked in collaboration with the Downtown Community Improvement District (CID) in an effort to ensure that downtown food establishments properly store and dispose of fats, oils and greases and to improve upon the cleanliness of the downtown area. Numerous meetings have been held between CID, the Public Works department, the Solid Waste division, Columbia/Boone County Public Health & Human Services and grease service company representatives.

The most problematic grease bin locations have been those located in the public right-of-way without written permission from the city. The cautious approach to date is to not remove the bins because of the potential that the grease will be placed in dumpsters. The work group has identified some of the grease problems as follows:

1. The outdoor grease bins are smelly and unattractive and create a nuisance environment for pedestrians and neighboring businesses.
2. The grease often overflows and may discharge into downtown streams during rain events.
3. The overflow creates a pedestrian hazard for people walking through alleys.
4. The grease bins are often shared so no one takes responsibility for problems and the city is unable to cite businesses for misuse.
5. Private grease companies are using public right-of-way without permission.

The Downtown CID created an incentive program to provide an alternative to shared exterior grease storage bins located in public alleys by offering a grant program to offset



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costs associated with installing an on-site grease storage system. Installation costs vary, depending upon the location and system selection. This program expired September 30, 2018.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None

Long-Term Impact: None

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Public Safety, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Legislative History

Date	Action
	None

Suggested Council Action

Pass the ordinance amending Chapters 11, 22 and 24 of the City Code relating to proper storage and disposal of fats, oils and greases.