



# TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY

## TOWN COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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**To:** Honorable Mayor and Town Council                      **Date:** March 13, 2012

**From:** Lori Lamson                                                      **Item No:** 7  
Assistant Director of Community Development

**Subject:** INITIATION OF A DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT REGARDING  
HOT FOOD TRUCK VENDORS

**T.M. Approval:** \_\_\_\_\_                      **Budgeted Item:**  Yes  No  N/A

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### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Initiate a Development Code Amendment and forward this issue to the Planning Commission for a workshop to include the community stakeholders and a recommendation by the Planning Commission that will be returned to the Council for consideration.

### SUMMARY:

San Bernardino and Riverside Counties currently are the only counties in the State that do not allow food vending trucks that prepare and serve hot food for use other than special events. This will soon change with the actions anticipated by the County Board of Supervisors in April 2012. The County Environmental Health Services and Land Use Services Department are taking forward modifications to the County Code that would provide licensing regulations for hot food truck vendors. The County staff has had ongoing communications with all the cities within San Bernardino County regarding this change. Once these trucks are permitted, it will be up to the local cities to determine land use and operational regulations for each individual city.

Issues regarding location to sensitive uses such as schools and parks and competition with brick and mortar restaurant establishments must be considered as it relates to the truck operation and locations. To get a comprehensive discussion on this issue, staff recommends that a workshop be planned with the Planning Commission to hear the pros and cons of this issue. Once the issue has been evaluated, the Planning Commission can provide recommended language for a Code amendment to address the hot food truck vendors.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

Not Applicable