



## MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(Revised: 8/18/11)

### Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 5/9/13  
Agenda Item #: R.2  
Est. Start Time: 9:50 am  
Date Submitted: 4/12/13

**Agenda Title: RESOLUTION Waiving Mobile Unit Class I (Food Cart) License Fees for up to 12 Nontraditional Food Service Operators**

*Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title sufficient to describe the action requested.*

### Requested

Meeting Date: May 9, 2013 Time Needed: 10 minutes

Department: Health Division: Environmental Health

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### Presenter

Name(s) & Title(s): Lila Wickham, Environmental Health Director

## General Information

### 1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Adoption of resolution to waive Mobile Unit Class 1 (food cart) license fees for 10-12 nontraditional food service operators.

### 2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

Demand and interest in local products, coupled with the economic downturn, has led to an increase in food-based micro-enterprise, such as individuals producing home-cooked tamales, and then selling them on street corners and at public events. Food-based micro-enterprise can be a key contributor to empowering low-income people and communities of color, many of whom face barriers in traditional start-ups and small business ventures. However, health and safety concerns related to unlicensed vendors are serious, and may surpass those related to food cart vendors. For example, home-cooked tamales that contain meat and/or cheese are most often stored in and sold out of portable coolers on the street. This puts the seller at legal risk for violating current rules and regulations and the consumer at risk for illness.

10-12 Tamale vendors have agreed to participate in a pilot project to determine if a model

that includes culturally competent training on food safety and business practice coupled with a new model of mobile unit will support nontraditional food service operators to seek licensure and inspections that assures sales of safe food.

**3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).**

None, the project is funded by the Food and Drug Administration grant, which will cover any loss of fees.

**4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.**

FDA grant will cover any lost fees and maintain the integrity of the license fees alignment inspection costs.

**5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.**

Received approval from the Oregon Health Authority for a food cart that meets the current food code specifications. Held focus group meetings with nontraditional vendors to identify their needs in the summer of 2011. Held a community meeting March 12, 2013 as a follow up to the focus groups resulting in 11 vendors agreeing to participate in the pilot project.

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**Required Signature**

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Official or  
Department  
Director:**

Lillian Shirley /s/

**Date:**

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