



To: City Of Madison  
From: Patrick Riha, Owner Beef Butter BBQ  
Subject: Support for Larger Size Food Vending Trailers Outside of Downtown Madison  
Date: May 29, 2019

This letter is in support of larger food vending trailers in areas outside of the downtown area that can support a larger food trailer: i.e. private property, parks, streets that have room without congesting traffic.

I designed a trailer to meet all health codes including 5 sinks (food sink, 3 compartment dish sink, and a hand sink), fresh water tank, waste water tank, built-in generator, refrigerator, hot holding compartments, cold holding compartments, vending areas, etc. However, after meeting all the health codes and design requirements to smoke our meats and serve them safely, my trailer is 24' long, 8' wide and 8' high. This size does not meet the current codes that were probably written for the downtown square area where space is very limited and tight.

Therefore I had to go to the surrounding areas of Madison, i.e. Sun Prairie and others, to vend so I could sell my BBQ. Based on the success of the trailer outside of Madison, we opened our restaurant in Madison at 3001 N. Sherman Avenue. Now we have our trailer parked in the parking lot but cannot use it because even though we have an enormous parking lot on private property, it violates the city code of the size of trailers.

Thank you for eliminating the code that we could not vend on private property last year. We now need you to amend the code to allow for larger trailers outside the downtown congested area.

Thank you,

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