

11.2 Cr Josh Eveson – Regional Mobile Food Vehicle Registration and Permit Simplification

In accordance with clause 5.3(1) of the City of Bayswater's *Standing Orders Local Law 2021*, CR JOSH EVESON raised the following motion:

That Council requests the Chief Executive Officer to investigate the simplification of the process, including permits and registrations, with emphasis on a shared/regional approach with neighbouring Councils, relating to mobile food vehicles within the City, and present a report on the outcomes of this investigation to the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on 22 March 2022.

MATERIAL FACTS

In accordance with clause 5.3(3) of the City of Bayswater *Standing Orders Local Law 2021*, the Chief Executive Officer may provide relevant and material facts and circumstances pertaining to the notice of motion on such matters as policy, budget and law.

The City currently has a Mobile Food Vehicles Policy which outlines:

- The required permits needed to operate within the City, being a Mobile Food Vehicle Permit and a *Food Act 2008* Certificate of Registration;
- 13 approved locations where mobile food vehicles can operate;
- Location requirements if an applicant would like to operate from an alternative location to the list of approved locations;
- Details on how waste, advertising signs, temporary fixtures and noise generated from the vehicle are to be managed;
- The need for public and product liability insurance for at least \$10 million; and
- The application process, including the payment of fees.

Applications for a mobile food vehicle permit can be submitted year round. The following information is required to obtain a permit:

- A completed City of Bayswater mobile food vehicle permit application form;
- A site plan detailing the proposed location(s) and the internal layout of the mobile food vehicle;
- A list of nominated locations to operate from;
- A current Certificate of Currency (Public Liability Insurance) for a minimum of \$10 million;
- A copy of the manufacturer's specifications for any generators to be used; and
- A copy of a current *Food Act 2008* Certificate of Registration issued by the local government where the mobile food vehicle is housed and/or where the majority of the food preparation activities are occurring.

The Activities in Thoroughfares and Public Places and Trading Local Law 2020 provides the City with the ability to issue stallholder permits and trader permits, which includes a mobile food stall.

The City's records indicate that there are currently only two valid mobile food vehicle permits. It is noted that the number of mobile food vehicle operators increased significantly during the six-month period in 2020 when Council waived the permit fees as part of the City's COVID-19 pandemic response, with 28 permits issued during that period.