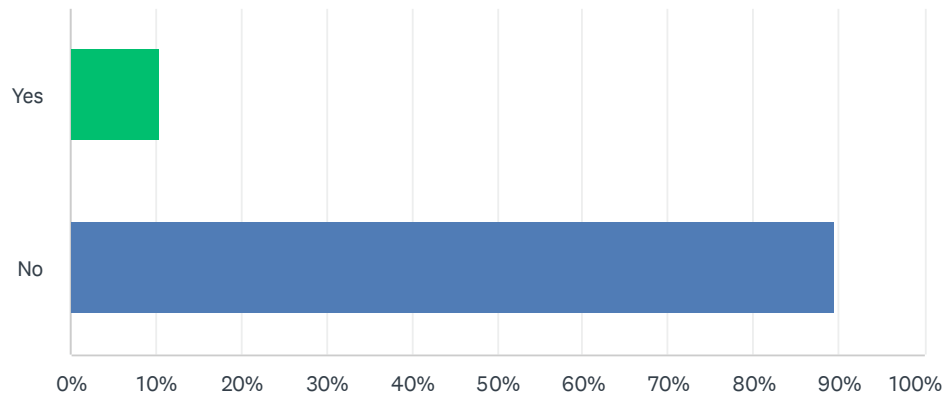


Q1 Do you own or operate a business?

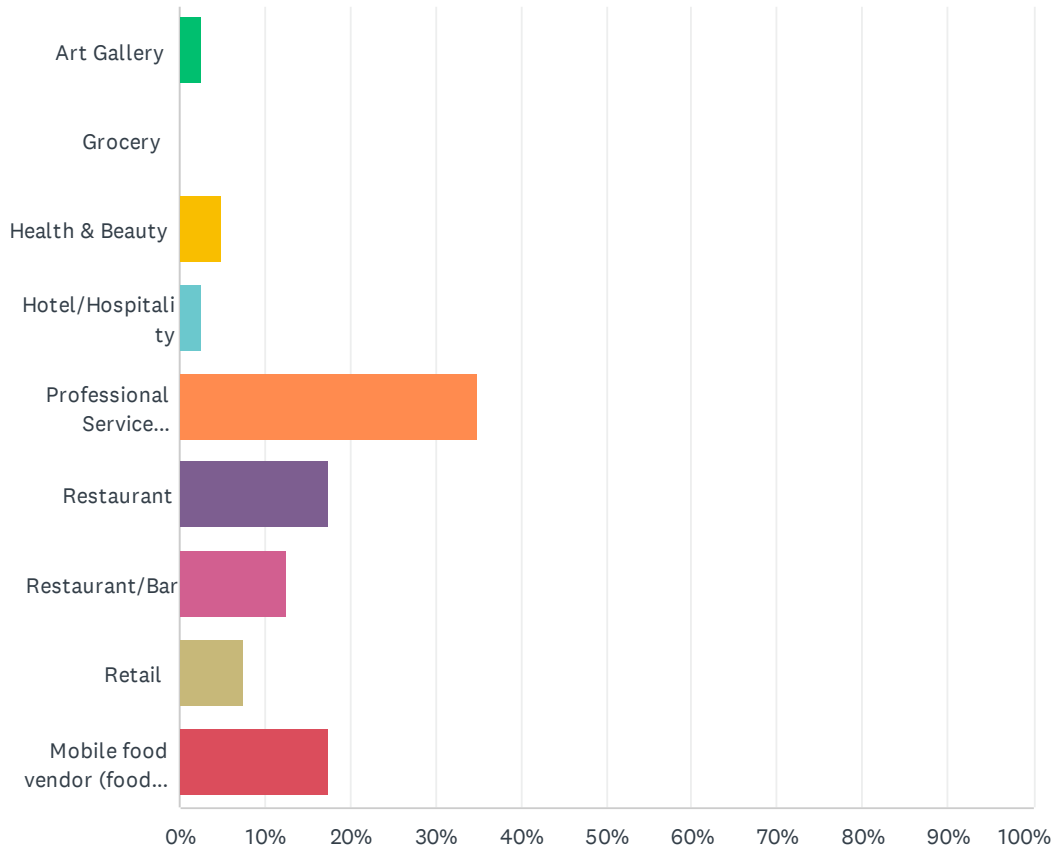
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	10.35%	56
No	89.65%	485
TOTAL		541

Q3 Select the business type below that best represents the type of business you own or operate in East Lansing.

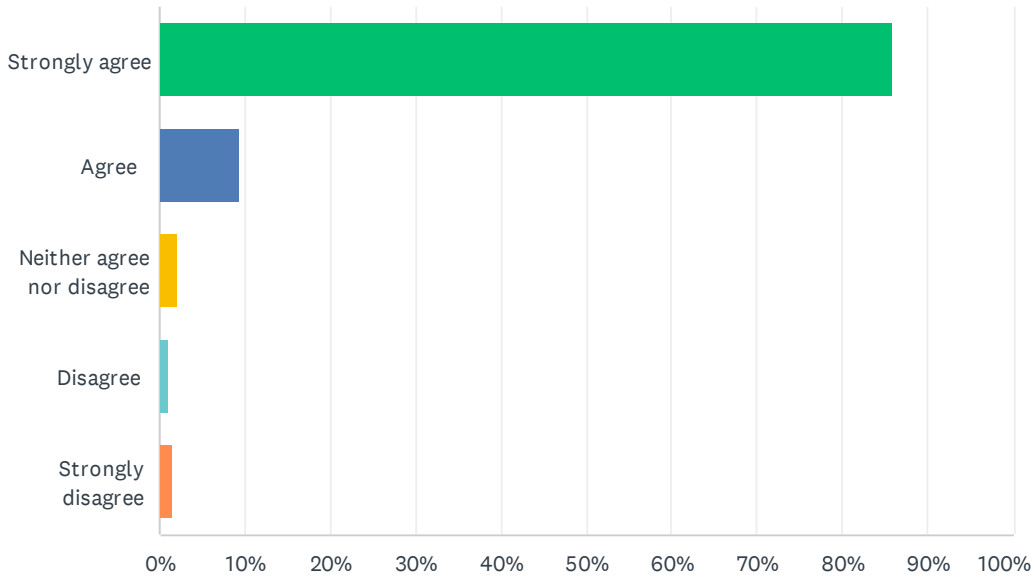
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Art Gallery	2.50%	1
Grocery	0.00%	0
Health & Beauty	5.00%	2
Hotel/Hospitality	2.50%	1
Professional Service Provider	35.00%	14
Restaurant	17.50%	7
Restaurant/Bar	12.50%	5
Retail	7.50%	3
Mobile food vendor (food truck operator)	17.50%	7
Total Respondents: 40		

Q5 I would eat at a food truck.

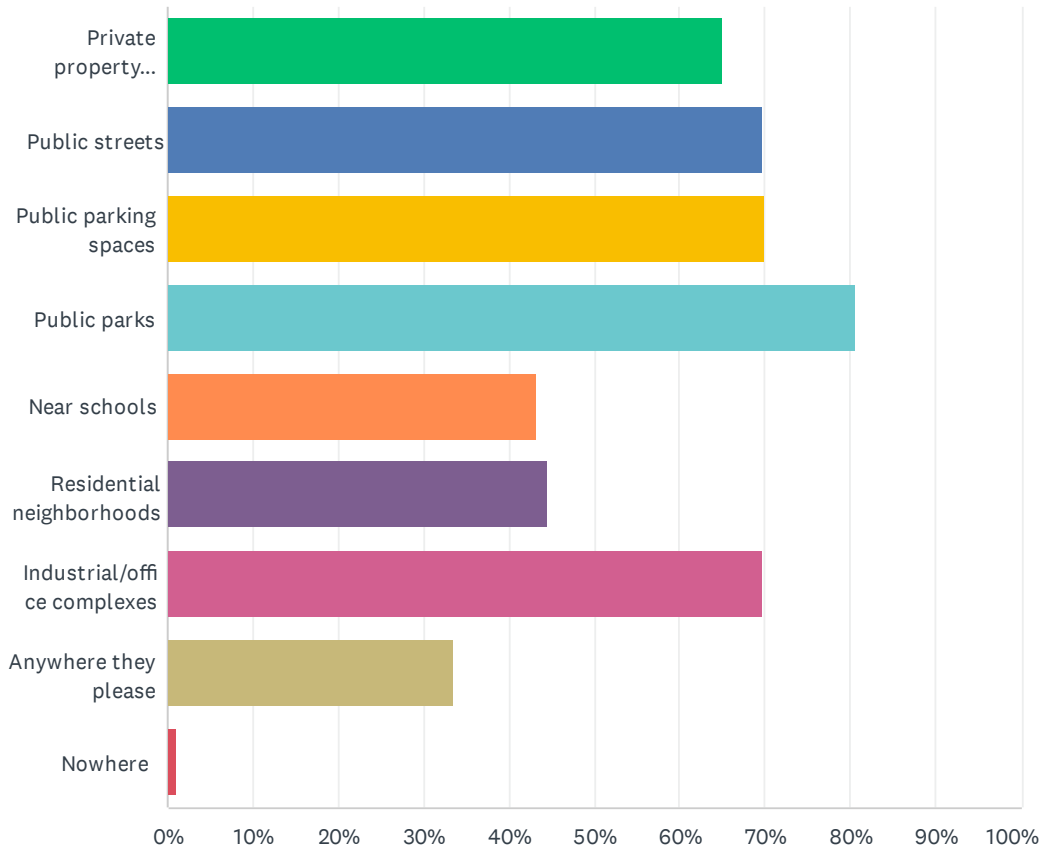
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	85.92%	409
Agree	9.45%	45
Neither agree nor disagree	2.10%	10
Disagree	1.05%	5
Strongly disagree	1.47%	7
TOTAL		476

Q6 Where should food trucks be allowed to operate? (select all that apply)

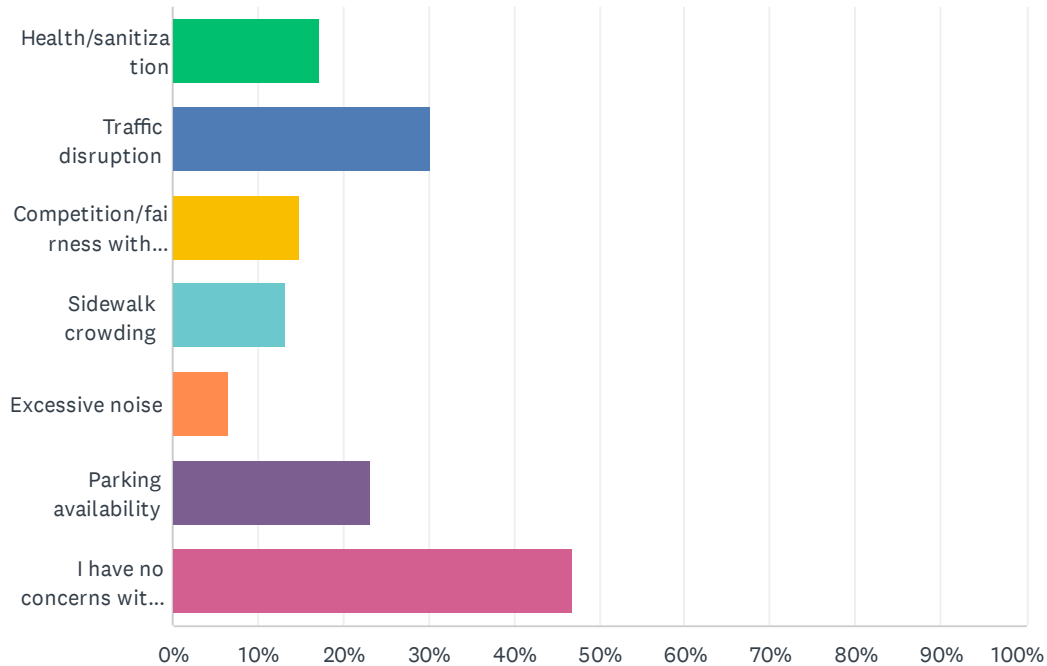
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Private property (within approved zoning districts)	65.13%	310
Public streets	69.75%	332
Public parking spaces	69.96%	333
Public parks	80.67%	384
Near schools	43.28%	206
Residential neighborhoods	44.54%	212
Industrial/office complexes	69.75%	332
Anywhere they please	33.40%	159
Nowhere	1.05%	5
Total Respondents: 476		

Q7 My biggest concerns with allowing food trucks would be: (select all that apply)

Answered: 476 Skipped: 65



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Health/sanitization	17.23% 82
Traffic disruption	30.25% 144
Competition/fairness with established restaurants	14.92% 71
Sidewalk crowding	13.24% 63
Excessive noise	6.51% 31
Parking availability	23.32% 111
I have no concerns with allowing food trucks	46.85% 223
Total Respondents: 476	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	NOT IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS. Traffic, noise and the disruption it brings is too much.	2/3/2022 5:20 PM
2	Food trucks should be insured, licensed and registered.	1/30/2022 12:14 PM
3	While I'm confident that those operating a Food Truck or mobile food service business understand the importance of sanitation and cleanliness, I'm also a firm believer that we can always be doing more in that department.	1/29/2022 12:54 PM
4	This is a GOOD THING. Please make it happen.	1/29/2022 10:44 AM
5	Allow them to operate until 3am. 10pm is a cope out. If we are to have a thriving economy we	1/28/2022 10:57 PM

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need to allow a late night entertainment economy to thrive. Let students walk to get food and not drive drunk to get Taco Bell.

6	Garbage.	1/24/2022 3:14 PM
7	Crowding in residential areas would be a concern.	1/22/2022 6:01 PM
8	Currently our subdivision parks at least one food truck at least once a week on an open space across from us. It is an eye sore, creates dangerous traffic, and completely congests the street in front of our house (which is a corner, further complicating things). I do not think food trucks should be allowed on any residential areas at any time. Our subdivision also has a public park, which would be an ideal location for a food truck. Public parks spaces should be the only allowable area in a residential area.	1/22/2022 12:09 PM
9	Waste disposal + littering	1/22/2022 8:58 AM
10	Lack of tax money generated vs brick and mortar business	1/21/2022 4:57 PM
11	Food trucks are great. East Lansing has many public lots that would be great for food trucks	1/21/2022 4:54 PM
12	you left off Parking Disruption. Food trucks in the downtown take those "available", "accessible" parking places often requiring multiple spaces.	1/21/2022 9:43 AM
13	Prior to moving back to East Lansing in 2017, we lived in the Denver metro where food trucks brought diverse and exciting food options that were not available from brick and mortar locations. In the long run, many of those food trucks progressed into "brick and mortar" locations. That's a win / win for the city, options that draw people to the city, tax revenues, employment opportunities, filling open storefronts, and bringing an exciting things to the community. That's what makes people want to be here.	1/20/2022 8:05 PM
14	Litter and trash collection and removal is a problem with food trucks and cleaning the sidewalk/ground where customers drop food and debris. Enough nearby seating is needed. Too much lighting from the food truck after dark that could disturb a neighborhood. Tacky or run-down food truck vehicle is problematic. Ordinary food safety issues. Should only be allowed to compete with established restaurants if they are not capable of handling take-out business during high volume events like festivals or MSU football games. A food truck or two at Patriarche Park for special events might be feasible; food truck at soccer complex, aquatics center might be feasible if concession stands could not handle the business for high-attendance events.	1/20/2022 5:26 PM
15	Litter	1/20/2022 1:47 PM
16	Parking concerns can be solved. The community will benefit from an influx of creative options, spread out.	1/20/2022 1:05 PM
17	Lack of free public bathroom access downtown.	1/19/2022 10:55 PM
18	Shouldn't be parked in front of another restaurant	1/19/2022 10:29 PM
19	I personally enjoy food trucks stationed near businesses that do not sell food. For example, there is a truck that frequently posts up at The Brew in Lansing on Sundays. Because The Brew doesn't serve food, you can buy food from the food truck and eat it inside their establishment while enjoying a cup of coffee. Other trucks like the one outside of Dicker and Deal in Lansing, the two in Old Town Lansing, and El Oasis on Michigan Ave are also located in locations that are non-competitive. I also tend to avoid food trucks that do not have convenient and free parking available. I would worry about trash attracting small animals if the location does not have on-site trash, and would recommend requiring food trucks to have and maintain trash receptacles for their customers. I think food trucks are ok on public streets if the road is blocked off, otherwise I probably will not stop for it and also would be frustrated if there were traffic disturbances because of their location. I don't know if food trucks are required to complete basic food safety training, but if they aren't I would recommend that they do. Finally, I would require them to shut down at the same time as any local noise ordinances to avoid evening disturbances.	1/19/2022 9:08 PM
20	This is a long overdue development. The city should Encourage all good vendors to come to town and add to the richness and vibrancy of the community. See NO downside to this.	1/19/2022 8:58 PM
21	Management of refuse both from food production and from the takeaway containers used to serve the food. Grease odor is also unappealing. Hop Cats kitchen vent already makes all of	1/19/2022 7:43 PM

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	Grove street smell like fry oil.	
22	We always seek out food trucks in other cities we visit. This summer we ate a lot in CHX and Petoskey at food truck locations. East Lansing is really behind in offering this option	1/19/2022 5:54 PM
23	Just moved back from Nashville where we had a thriving food truck community. Would love to see that here too.	1/19/2022 4:12 PM
24	I think we should do it with a few basic rules -- I really am excited about it!!!	1/19/2022 3:54 PM
25	The city should do as much as possible to make it easy for people to do interesting things. Allowing food trucks with very few restrictions would do this.	1/19/2022 3:52 PM
26	Allowable hours of operation. Not interested in late night options.	1/19/2022 3:16 PM
27	Public streets but clearly not ones that already have traffic flow issues. If we can allow a line and disrupt traffic daily for Starbucks on grant river, allowing food trucks shouldn't be an issue.	1/19/2022 3:04 PM
28	We REALLY need this in town. Way too much pizza and mexican and chains.	1/19/2022 2:34 PM
29	A setup that allows for environmentally friendly processes in food truck distribution of food. For example, the Little Fleet in Traverse City has an area for compost and recycling of food containers. A ban on styrofoam containers.	1/19/2022 2:33 PM
30	Food trucks add a vibrancy to the city. Our neighborhood has events that he'll create community and food trucks would be welcome.	1/19/2022 2:24 PM
31	I don't feel well versed in locations or concerns but would imagine you could be strategic in choosing where to allow as some locations will be better than others after a cost/ benefit analysis. And you could mitigate concerns via this strategic planning and establishing requirements for operators.	1/19/2022 2:23 PM
32	Assuming health codes are enforced, I would like to see more, not fewer options for meals.	1/19/2022 2:20 PM
33	Parking and cleanliness are general concerns with any business. While those two items should be considered; when it comes to parking it should be taken into account that most patrons of a food truck are either taking food to go, or they are on site for a much shorter time than a traditional restaurant. The cleanliness/trash removal concern is easily addressed by requiring regular removal.	1/19/2022 2:10 PM
34	Maybe there is way to limit them so they do not hurt current businesses.	1/19/2022 1:57 PM
35	It really depends on the location and if there is an event to happen. I am an employee and we have a food truck that rotates weekly for 3 seasons to particular neighborhoods. Its a great way to encourage residence to mingle as well as the food truck making money. It eliminates traffic issues when in the neighborhoods. I don't know EL has wide spread neighborhoods where this would be feasible. It seems the streets are all so small. If it had an open space or park like area to set up then yes- neighborhoods would be a great area.	1/19/2022 1:38 PM
36	They work great in other campus cities across America. Great example of a Big 10 school is Madison WI, where they are located on State Street next to campus. But many other cities have them successfully.	1/19/2022 1:24 PM
37	Concern around schools with potential traffic safety issues.	1/19/2022 1:15 PM
38	I do think this can be good for both though if done well, especially if you bring in bands/entertainment and make a night of it! Some people will get food from the trucks, some the restaurants (especially if they offer outdoor seating). Also, people will shop in nearby businesses. I think it's a win/win!	1/19/2022 1:07 PM
39	Accumulation of trash	1/19/2022 12:30 PM
40	I don't think food trucks should be allowed to permanently operate in residential neighborhoods for days on end, but I do think they should be allowed at block parties or social events. Other than this stipulation, I think food trucks should be allowed anywhere in the city that makes sense to their business. Parking is a concern for me only because I drive everywhere and if I go to a food truck, I would like to be able to park close to it. I also think that there would need to be garbage cans near every food truck so that litter doesn't pile up.	1/19/2022 12:15 PM
41	We generally recognize commercial activity as entailing potential damage and destruction to parks and green spaces. Therefore I'm concerned about food trucks being allowed to park at,	1/19/2022 12:09 PM

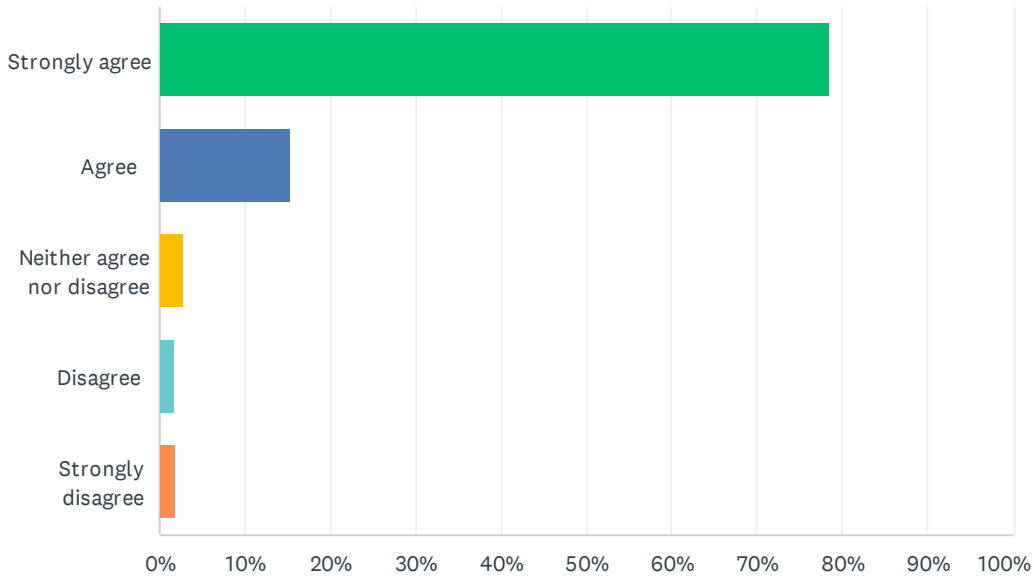
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for example, patriarch park. This could undermine parks and green spaces and lead to a host of issues and decline of the park

42	So long as there is enough room to park the truck and have people move around it in a way that's not crowding either the street or sidewalk, I am totally supportive of having food trucks around the city! I would love to have a food truck come to Hidden River Park over the weekends so that people can walk down, get something to eat, and hang out in the park and socialize. It would also be great for areas of the city where there really are no restaurants or services (like the Saginaw Highway corridor), especially at lunchtime when you need to get something fast but don't have a lot of time to travel to a restaurant or take-out place.	1/19/2022 11:59 AM
43	Very simply. Your ordinance protects East Lansing events (Art Fair, farmers market and other) up to 500 feet. You should also protect brick and mortar restaurants with the same distance. Not 20 feet!!!!	1/18/2022 6:30 PM
44	Not Vested in the community.	1/18/2022 4:02 PM
45	I'm against food trucks in the central business district I have been working and living in EL for 23 hrs and believe they it would be a drain on the city and surrounding businesses for trash and crowds especially late at night and cause traffic problems	1/18/2022 4:01 PM

Q8 The presence of food trucks add to the vibrancy of a community and increase its desirableness as a place to live, work, and play.

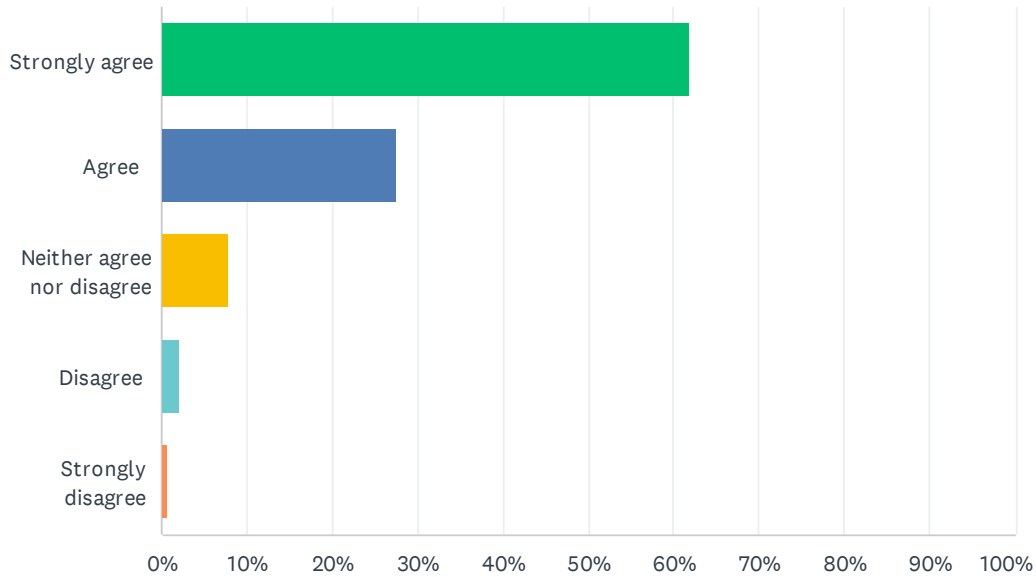
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	78.36%	373
Agree	15.34%	73
Neither agree nor disagree	2.73%	13
Disagree	1.68%	8
Strongly disagree	1.89%	9
TOTAL		476

Q9 Food trucks have a relatively low barrier to entry and encourages entrepreneurs.

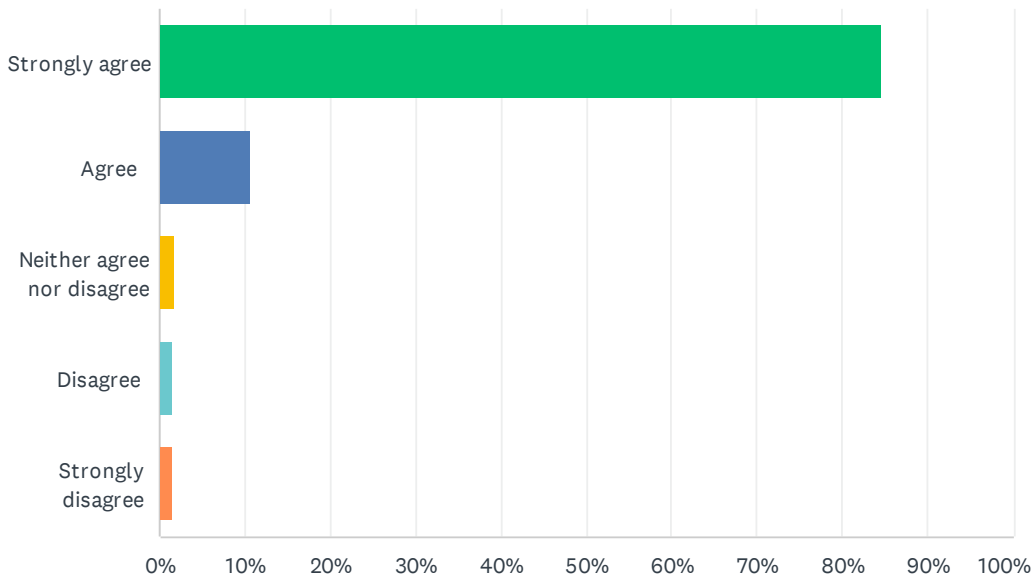
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	61.76%	294
Agree	27.52%	131
Neither agree nor disagree	7.98%	38
Disagree	2.10%	10
Strongly disagree	0.63%	3
TOTAL		476

Q10 I support allowing food trucks to operate in the city of East Lansing.

Answered: 476 Skipped: 65



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	84.66%	403
Agree	10.71%	51
Neither agree nor disagree	1.68%	8
Disagree	1.47%	7
Strongly disagree	1.47%	7
Total Respondents: 476		

Q11 Is there anything else you would like to share regarding food trucks?

Answered: 158 Skipped: 383

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	NOT IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS. Traffic, noise and the disruption it brings is too much.	2/3/2022 5:20 PM
2	Please allow food trucks to operate in East Lansing. Their presence adds to the street life and vibrancy of the city, while also allowing for room for experimentation and room for new food businesses to emerge. The low barrier for entry provides more equitable access to and diversifies the food industry in the area.	2/2/2022 3:29 PM
3	I believe that only food trucks related to existing licensed tax paying restaurants should be able to operate in areas that are cordoned off giving an unfair advantage to the restaurants in the closed off area.	1/30/2022 7:00 PM
4	I love EL and like living near students. But because of the continuing problem posed by some of those students, we can't always have the same nice things that other communities have. Food trucks sound great, but only if they are regulated in ways that keep the surrounding public areas from turning into Cedar Village, and allow FT EL residents to enjoy them too.	1/30/2022 6:16 PM
5	Food trucks allow entrepreneurs and restaurant owners to try out new and different cuisine that then can grow into established businesses (Purple Carrot to Red Haven) and also allow more flexibility in bringing diversity into East Lansing without requiring major investment in infrastructure. Food trucks also primarily operate without alcohol, and are not targeting typical college student focused establishments.	1/30/2022 2:39 PM
6	Food trucks are a quick and easy carryout option. They're a safe option for people not dining out due to the pandemic. They can help bring business into nearby brick and mortar stores, for example, parking a breakfast food truck near a coffee shop. Having multiple trucks at outdoor events offer a good diversity of food options. They a quick and easy stop for dog owners who can't bring their dogs to most restaurants. In .y opinion there are no downsides to food trucks.	1/30/2022 1:02 PM
7	Providing additional space for food trucks is a great idea. Done right, food trucks can bring creativity to East Lansing's dining options. Things have certainly improved, despite the pandemic, but there is room for more. We would all benefit by a more vibrant downtown and downtown restaurant scene and this is one measure that could/would contribute to that. Council might also consider how to allow and encourage more food trucks in downtown on football Saturdays and during festivals and other events. A sort of flexible ordinance, with limits during the week and expanded locations at other times. If such a thing is possible.	1/30/2022 9:24 AM
8	It would be great to have more!	1/30/2022 8:37 AM
9	Please bring El Oasis to East Lansing.	1/29/2022 9:05 PM
10	East Lansing, many cities have had food trucks for decades. Ann Arbor, Berkeley, etc. I am not sure why this city is so behind the times. This expands dining options for residents and visitors, and creates more vibrant public spaces. You do not haveto reinvent the wheel. See what a few cities have done to have food trucks in a safe, non-disruptive way, and do it.	1/29/2022 6:23 PM
11	A food truck is wonderful and a great way to experience great food! If there was one at the corner of Bogue and where Cedar Village is that would be awesome!! Another wonderful place would be along Collingwood as that is absolutely perfect with the parking lots there and along the side where the Student Affairs and Services building is located! This is exciting and I hope it works!!	1/29/2022 2:59 PM
12	Please consider the even lower barrier of entry vendor, the "Peddler" - I operate my location from a mobile electric bicycle with attached trailer for hauling supplies and food heating equipment. While it doesn't make even close to the amount of income that my normal 9-5 job does, the fact that I am my own boss and investing in myself is more rewarding than I could have ever imagined before starting.	1/29/2022 12:54 PM
13	Food trucks bring a sense of community to any town. It allows for eating with ease. In covid	1/29/2022 12:31 PM

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times, it's the perfect way to have a business and allowing for social distancing measures in an outdoor location. As long as food trucks operate legally, safely and follow health guidelines I don't see why there shouldn't be more food trucks around.

14	Not really fair to the other restaurants that are brick and mortar.	1/29/2022 11:40 AM
15	Food trucks are not part of a community like a permanent restaurant is. Their business model is parasitic in nature. They stay in a location until business runs dry then pick up and leave to the next watering hole, siphoning customers from nearby restaurants. Permanent restaurants stay and contribute to their community through good and bad times. If you want to see more vacant store fronts in east lansing from shuttered restaurants, then by all means allow more food trucks. Because that is the result you will eventually get.	1/29/2022 11:07 AM
16	No need to regulate the number as the market will weed out those food trucks that do not enhance the community.	1/29/2022 10:58 AM
17	Let's do it and have a good truck rodeo!	1/29/2022 10:44 AM
18	I am very pleased that the city of E. Lansing is conducting this survey and considering updating its food trucks ordinances. There are many suitable locations for food trucks that I think would be a win/win for the community.	1/29/2022 10:22 AM
19	I was promised taco trucks on every corner!!	1/29/2022 8:35 AM
20	East Lansing needs to bring more people downtown. Just like the Summer road closure	1/29/2022 8:32 AM
21	Any of the above areas are great, but it would be nice to have multiple food trucks all in one area to give options and add to the vibrancy of the atmosphere.	1/29/2022 8:16 AM
22	A designated food truck area would be awesome. But it would also be great to have them at a park or neighborhood on different days. Its all good!	1/29/2022 7:47 AM
23	I routinely go to Europe and every state in the union with my band. Food trucks are the first thing that comes to mind when I think of a vibrant, welcoming, inclusive, unique city.	1/28/2022 10:57 PM
24	No, but I welcome them!	1/28/2022 7:01 PM
25	Food trucks at Patriarch Park one night a week during the Summer could be fun. There's plenty of room and lots of picnic tables. And if it's okay with the priest at St. Thomas Church - plenty of parking right across the street.	1/28/2022 4:44 PM
26	I have lived in several communities (Madison, WI; Boulder, CO; Davis, CA) where food trucks are a more common sight than in East Lansing. It is my strong experience that such trucks, by helping make their areas of operation into a destination for eating, shopping, and foot traffic, actually help all businesses including nominally "competing" restaurants in their area, since the true competition is with remote places that patrons drive to.	1/28/2022 4:09 PM
27	Try and line up a good haggis truck. They are really few and far between.	1/28/2022 2:34 PM
28	In the past, there were some restaurants and stores in downtown East Lansing, but they were too few in number to create a strong sense of place as a destination. Many positive changes in downtown have emerged over the past five years. Closing downtown blocks to car traffic brought many more people downtown for lots of different reasons. Adding food trucks to the mix would create an even stronger sense of place. Trips downtown would be part of many people's normal weekly routines. A feeling of community is abstract unless there are ongoing places for people to spend time with each other. This would be a strong positive for East Lansing in many ways--social, cultural, and economic.	1/28/2022 12:36 PM
29	I appreciate the community having an opportunity to weigh in on the issue. Please keep this up!	1/26/2022 7:56 PM
30	I have been in sooooo many cities that encourage food trucks and they just add to the fun of the community. We are so late in getting with the trend.	1/24/2022 9:29 PM
31	Food trucks should not be placed near the established restaurants in downtown EL. Away from the EL Fresco zone. zone.	1/24/2022 9:56 AM
32	Food trucks are IN. Especially given all of these continued pandemic related issues why would you not consider providing outdoor options that are easy and convenient for customers and the food truck owners. The space in traverse city is really popular. This could easily be replicated	1/23/2022 11:40 AM

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in east Lansing and be a year round accessible venue with a few weather related considerations. Use a pavilion. Have out door heaters you can purchase at Costco right now for \$149. Outdoor seating. Let lots of food trucks be present to give consumers multiple options. Think of it as a mall food court only significantly elevated. I say yes yes yes. Let's do this!

33	Making sure that the trucks adhere to a code of conduct/common sense in their placement in relation to brick and mortar establishments, especially if they will offer seating. Encourage them to provide green utensils. A once a year FOOD TRUCK Rally in a parking lot (with plenty of consumer parking) would be a nice fundraiser for City non-profits. Trucks would donate a percentage of their days take.	1/23/2022 10:39 AM
34	I do believe that allowing food trucks in downtown E Lansing would increase foot traffic. I would be more likely go downtown more often if there were more options for food.	1/23/2022 10:05 AM
35	Consider what Petoskey, Mi has done with downtown food trucks as I frequently venture there to eat in both brick /morter restaurants and the food truck court. They developed a controlled entry point food truck court which allows alcohol on premises. There are approximately 9 trucks around a very pleasing seating area of picnic tables and other unique seating arrangements which are very inviting. I am unsure who owns the property--private or the city-- but it appears to be a previously little used parking lot. It is also some 1-4 blocks removed from most brick restaurants.	1/23/2022 9:35 AM
36	Due diligence must be performed in evaluating applicants to ensure they meet all standards and requirements.	1/23/2022 2:43 AM
37	As long as this does not interfere with residential areas, I think there are great opportunities for food trucks within the city.	1/22/2022 12:09 PM
38	Having them near areas with extra parking would encourage people to come in and possibly shop in other EL businesses	1/22/2022 11:52 AM
39	Please allow for many!	1/22/2022 11:15 AM
40	I enjoy having food trucks come to our neighborhood. I am able to enjoy some good food and support a local person's business.	1/22/2022 10:50 AM
41	In my neighborhood, the presence of food trucks has helped create a stronger sense of community. When we know the food truck is coming to our neighborhood, it is an opportunity to connect with neighbors we haven't seen in a while and it's something we really look forward to.	1/22/2022 10:11 AM
42	Why are the banned to begin with? Was there a bad previous experience or did local restaurant owners just not want it? Background information would be helpful.	1/22/2022 8:58 AM
43	When you removed the ability of food trucks to operate in the park in our neighborhood (hawk nest) we stopped going and those food trucks suffered. The convenience and ability to feed our family close to home was paramount. We do not go to restaurants with a family of 5 these days so that was a huge disappointment. The areas where the food trucks are "allowed" to park so as to not affect local businesses is ridiculous. They are not seen. They are not in a central visible area. Please allow them to park and operate where they desire so we can enjoy the things we used to enjoy, including supporting these food trucks. The action of prohibiting them from parking in the park in our neighborhood has had adverse effects on just about everyone.	1/22/2022 8:49 AM
44	Most food trucks have relatively high up windows. Lower, larger windows would be nice and allow better accessibility.	1/22/2022 4:38 AM
45	Our neighborhood has a food truck truck that visits every couple of weeks. We rotate through a few of them and they are a huge hit. It's a wonderful chance to socialize with neighbors and support local businesses. I heard that we might not be able to have them around anymore due to a city law? I don't understand the reasoning behind it and am strongly against limiting them. Times are tough enough.	1/22/2022 4:25 AM
46	They are something our neighborhood looks forward to and it brings a sense of togetherness and fun! We love when we have them! And it's nice to have the food come to you and not have to go to a restaurant.	1/22/2022 12:19 AM
47	I love food trucks!	1/21/2022 7:27 PM
48	Food trucks would be a great addition to the community and the students would greatly benefit	1/21/2022 6:41 PM

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from it. Having the variety outside of caf food and being able to connect with the community would benefit all.

49	We need more food trucks	1/21/2022 6:27 PM
50	There are many areas of the country where food trucks are staged together to create a fun outdoor environment. The Little Fleet in Traverse City is a great example and should be replicated near downtown in the summer.	1/21/2022 1:59 PM
51	I love the variety that different food trucks offer and would be very happy to see more of them in East Lansing, outside of special events like EL Art Fair and the farmer's market. I think it would also be a huge draw to MSU students, especially on game days.	1/21/2022 1:03 PM
52	I feel that allowing food trucks not only can provide a great food option, but they can also provide AMAZING cultural additions to the city and area.	1/21/2022 12:24 PM
53	My neighborhood doesn't have a lot of nearby restaurants, so food trucks are a godsend. Perhaps if brick and mortar competition is an issue make the rules a bit different depending on the number of existing restaurants within 1/4 or 1/2 mile. Also, when the food truck is here I make a point to eat there, whereas I otherwise would make dinner at home. Its not always pulling business away from another restaurant.	1/21/2022 12:13 PM
54	The bricks and mortar restaurants pay rent to occupy spaces, and the landlord pay taxes on their building which support the City. Not right to take their business away, for the small fees the City collects for food trucks... Meridian township Food Truck ordinance requires they move every so often and Not establish "permanent" locations. Many trucks violate this policy and it takes staff time and money to police them..often violating that rule.	1/21/2022 9:43 AM
55	thank you for looking into this, hope to see some amazing food trucks around EL soon. Longer term I think we should continue to look into the concept of creating a permanent destination space for them, like Ann Arbor does and like Little Fleet in Traverse City, it would be a big hit!	1/21/2022 9:02 AM
56	For the longest time, East Lansing has had laws and red tape put in place that prohibit independent businesses from thriving. How are we supposed to be a community that represents diversity when under represented communities can't express their culture with food due to the barriers put in place by the city. Lansing(next door) is a sanctuary city with immigrants from across the globe who have so much to offer. Get rid of the red tape and let cultural expression prevail.	1/21/2022 7:59 AM
57	Food trucks encourage foot traffic and have no intrinsic parking needs, and increase the range of foods available in East Lansing.	1/21/2022 7:35 AM
58	Food trucks encourage foot traffic and have no intrinsic parking needs, and are an easy way to increase the variety of food available in East Lansing.	1/21/2022 7:34 AM
59	I miss going out to lunch with friends due to the pandemic. I will not visit indoor eating joints because people must unmask to eat. Food trucks are outside. They provide interesting foods. I'd love to be able to go to a park, buy a lunch in the parking area and sit in the park to eat with friends!!	1/21/2022 6:46 AM
60	I would love if we had more food trucks. I think they should be allowed most places as long as there is some sort of organized plan, permits etc. but otherwise I love when food trucks are around and when they move to different locations- it gives them different customers and us different food. It's a win for sure!	1/21/2022 6:45 AM
61	Very few restaurants want to serve late night food. Food trucks downtown late would feed the hungry kids and keep them off the roads drunk.	1/21/2022 12:27 AM
62	The food in this city is below average and food trucks could potentially improve the quality of the food here.	1/20/2022 10:21 PM
63	This would be great for FOOD TRUCKS Thanks	1/20/2022 10:01 PM
64	Excited about this possibility whatever it looks like.	1/20/2022 9:34 PM
65	Bring all of the food trucks, preferably where lots of cars can park to access them!!!	1/20/2022 9:23 PM
66	Michigan State Students would love!	1/20/2022 9:14 PM
67	Please do not make it hard for the business owners to open and operate with multiple fees that	1/20/2022 8:57 PM

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will become expensive, multiple forms and different departments to register and work with. Please make this as easy as possible. These people want to achieve their dreams. Please let as many individuals open and operate as they would like. Allow vendors to operate 24 hours if they choose to. I would like to be able to order great food anytime. Remove the 20 and 10 feet rule space may be scarce. Especially in east lansing, grand river strip area. Allow vendors to have banners, flags, lights or any decorations they would like (#10). Allow vendors to play music. Allow vendors to have seating if spaces allows it remove the sight plan requirement. Remove the cost of inspection. Remove the clean up deposit. Why charge someone for something that "might" happen? If someone litters then charge them at that time. Remove the prior permission permit to work at a special event and block party.

68	It would cool to have food truck dedicated parking areas, events, and support local trucks. I don't think food trucks are any more competition to local restaurants than two restaurants across the street from one another.	1/20/2022 8:48 PM
69	East Lansing is too rigid with zoning and regulation. I hope council would give small businesses from a variety of backgrounds (socioeconomic, race, ethnicity etc) a chance and give residents the opportunity to enjoy creative food.	1/20/2022 8:29 PM
70	Read my answer to #5	1/20/2022 8:05 PM
71	I think food trucks would be a great addition to the city. The area, Albert alfresco could really use food trucks over the warmer months.	1/20/2022 8:03 PM
72	I visited traverse city earlier this year and was very impressed with their food trucks and how it was managed/offered. I highly recommend a model like that. We are way behind the times NOT having food trucks here.	1/20/2022 6:26 PM
73	Detailed attention should be paid to the "where and when" of food trucks. I periodically get take-out from a Mexican food truck rather permanently ensconced on E. Michigan Ave in Lansing because of the excellent food there at low cost because of low overhead. I have watched that business grow over the years with more food trucks at other locations and am happy to contribute to its success. Too many in one place, however, is not desirable in my view.	1/20/2022 5:26 PM
74	I moved from a town that had a designated place for food trucks. It had seating and was dog and kid friendly. One night a week, Thursdays, there was a little market with craft beer and wine. Flower stands, crafts etc. It was a fun way to get out with kids. Patriarch Park might be a good place. If Snyder street was closed off in Summer and Spring and have a seasonal place for them. I love having the street closed in that area. Little Feet in Traverse city is small but works in down town. I feel like it works better if they are always in the same designated place rather than all over town. The parking lot next to Crunchy's might be a spot. I don't think anywhere too far from downtown would work. If it's only from like 5-8 one night a week it's over crowded and people have to wait too long for food. The time they serve has to be longer. I like the choices but if it's overseen by a group of "foodies" it get's too pricey and goes down hill. Some of the trucks are not inexpensive. Why is this specifically about food trucks? There's Mexican food trucks in the parking lots full time in Haslett and Lansing. There's a BBQ truck set up in Tom's Liquor store parking lot. If they are on private property do they follow different rules? I think it would be better if they were only in a designated spot rather than parked wherever they want. I think students would like it too.	1/20/2022 4:23 PM
75	The goal of a food truck is to make local food more accessible. I am not happy with the number of National Chain stores in East Lansing, I do think that more should be done to make use of empty store fronts, however, they do not achieve the same gal of making food more accessible.	1/20/2022 4:17 PM
76	I would recommend having a few restrictions, like not allowing food trucks to block brick and mortar restaurants while those are open for business. Or like, no food trucks in restaurant areas between high eating times 11am-1pm, 5pm-8pm, etc.	1/20/2022 2:53 PM
77	They encourage a diverse group of possibilities	1/20/2022 1:47 PM
78	They also allow brick-and-mortar restaurants to try out new menu concepts or new locations with less risk, if they choose.	1/20/2022 1:05 PM
79	As long as they are posted up outside of designated food establishments I am ok with this. I wouldn't want it to take too much business from places like Campbell's Market Basket, but I	1/20/2022 12:36 PM

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absolutely am on board with supporting local food trucks. This would absolutely drive traffic to the downtown area.

80	Why is this taking so long??	1/20/2022 12:00 PM
81	Everywhere I have lived prior to East Lansing had food trucks, and we loved them. My family and I would love to support food trucks here in EL.	1/20/2022 11:54 AM
82	I feel it isn't necessary. It interferes with existing business. Streets are too narrow to accommodate the traffic. They lower the ambulance of the city They are ugly	1/20/2022 11:06 AM
83	LOVE food trucks! I travel to Horricks weekly as they have many onsite! Hope this passes! I'd love to see more in our area!	1/20/2022 10:18 AM
84	I think that ordinances allowing a limited number of food trucks in business districts would be great. This could add to the vibrancy of East Lansing as a community. It would be possible to go too far with this, but we are a long way from that now.	1/20/2022 10:03 AM
85	You should allow for food trucks. In the past local businesses have complained about allowing for food trucks yet those businesses do nothing to enrich the community and provide vibrant dining options themselves. Food trucks are locally owned, provide affordable and accessible food, and have high rates of attendance thus enriching your public spaces. Look at the farmers market- you have hundreds and hundreds of people eat at food trucks you authorize there every weekend and it's a huge success.	1/20/2022 9:30 AM
86	I love food trucks! Can't wait and hope this passes to help better the community and streets of East Lansing!!	1/20/2022 8:47 AM
87	This would not be fair to businesses paying to operate store fronts in the downtown area, would be another action the city does to slap restaurant owners in the face.	1/20/2022 7:29 AM
88	Yum!	1/20/2022 6:40 AM
89	I used to live in Washington D.C. where food trucks were everywhere and stationed at most public parks during the day. I found that to be a terrific experience, and I would love to have food trucks in East Lansing at parks and such like this, as I think it would greatly improve the experience when going downtown or to nearby parks.	1/19/2022 10:55 PM
90	N/a	1/19/2022 10:29 PM
91	It's always amazing to see the people of East Lansing follow their passion, especially in the way of opening businesses in our communities. Allowing more food trucks to open would be a great beginning for young cooks looking for a way to share their talent in the East Lansing community.	1/19/2022 10:06 PM
92	Food trucks are a great addition to a city! Love them!	1/19/2022 9:36 PM
93	Looking forward to new food options in the City if this goes through!	1/19/2022 9:08 PM
94	Toward the health and wellness of our community it would be nice to encourage at least some food trucks offering organic, ovegetarian, vegan, gluten-free etc. foods. Many that I've patronized taste great but the food is a treat. I think it would be lovely to have opportunities to grab a tasty bite to eat from a food truck. I've missed some who used to be at the EL farmer's market. Also, the city and Greater Lansing Area could use more locally prepared, better yet locally raised food.	1/19/2022 9:00 PM
95	Again, food Trucks should be welcomed in our community. No reason to not allow them to add to the tapestry of the community and give residents options and either and nice day or night out.	1/19/2022 8:58 PM
96	Be selective in cuisine to avoid saturation of certain food like pizza, burgers. Unique food that is less available would be optimal	1/19/2022 8:30 PM
97	HONK HONK BRING US THE FOOD TRUCKS!!!!	1/19/2022 8:21 PM
98	It would add to the diversity of food options (also ethnic food diversity) in East Lansing and provide a "fast food" option for takeout or just meals on the go.	1/19/2022 8:02 PM
99	Speaking generally about how EL handles new and novel ideas, stop trying to pick winners and losers. Y'all just aren't that good at it. Let new ideas develop naturally, without top-down regulation, where businesses spend their own money and pursue their ideas. If food trucks	1/19/2022 7:25 PM

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want to operate, leave them alone to operate. No fees, no special taxes, no micromanagement, and no more GD tiffs!

100	Let's have more	1/19/2022 7:13 PM
101	It would be a great idea to have the food trucks regularly gather at valley court park. Large open space for seating and ample parking. It is also the area that connects the walk ability of the neighborhoods there with the rest of downtown.	1/19/2022 7:07 PM
102	Prices within reason	1/19/2022 6:52 PM
103	If food trucks are allowed to operate in an increased capacity, and licensing of any sort is involved, preference should be granted to trucks which can deliver low cost meals to benefit the disadvantaged as well as trucks which originate from within East Lansing or the city of Lansing.	1/19/2022 6:43 PM
104	Last thing our downtown business owners need. Can we just hit pause on all of the changes and take a breath.	1/19/2022 6:27 PM
105	Please bring food trucks to Lansing and East Lansing!! I live downtown Lansing and would LOVE some local food trucks to try on a regular basis!	1/19/2022 6:21 PM
106	A select few big business owners should not be allowed to write ordinances that make operating a food truck in East Lansing nearly impossible.	1/19/2022 6:19 PM
107	We need a area in EL for food trucks year round to operate. Along with picnic area for locals and visitors a like	1/19/2022 5:54 PM
108	Great idea!	1/19/2022 5:40 PM
109	I'm from the east coast where there are food trucks and people love them!	1/19/2022 5:36 PM
110	Look at how Portland, OR has run their Food Truck District. This should help with research.	1/19/2022 4:52 PM
111	If possible it would be helpful to encourage consistency as part of the program. If hours and days of operation in different permitted districts were consistent, even if participants changed, it would help users anticipate crowds, meal plan, etc.	1/19/2022 4:08 PM
112	For too long the city has hampered businesses of all types. They make it difficult to conduct business. They have screwed up parking for more than 3 decades and they can't seem to get out of their own way. Allow more establishments that serve food/alcohol. Right now you have a bunch of bars catering to college students. I enjoy going out from time to time but don't want to go somewhere I'm going to get stepped on and run into by a 21 year old who can barely stand up. We need places that have a crowd appealing to young professionals, middle agers, and retirees as well. Eliminating the asinine 50/50 rule and the addition of Jolly Pumpkin and Barrio are a start. But don't focus on getting big brand names, encourage some small businesses to open up. Make downtown a place people want to come to conduct business and the artistic focus the city seems to enjoy can can follow. If anyone with half a brain would have been running the city all of this would have been taken care of ages ago. But you were more worried about growing your fiefdom than doing what was necessary to make sure the city stayed vibrant and transitioned with the times instead of trying to play catchup now.	1/19/2022 4:05 PM
113	In general, I believe it would make downtown more vibrant and would expand food access in areas not near restaurants. I support loosening restrictions and creating a more welcoming environment for food trucks.	1/19/2022 4:01 PM
114	Please please do this. Please also consider closing downtown streets to traffic permanently so that we have a walkable city with cool food trucks. These are no brained decisions. They make the city livable!	1/19/2022 3:52 PM
115	Food trucks will draw more people to East Lansing and help (not compete with) local businesses.	1/19/2022 3:42 PM
116	They have an unfair advantage without paying building and large staff overhead. I know restaurants are super-busy so it might be a welcome addition to downtown - hard to know.	1/19/2022 3:30 PM
117	vegetarian food would be nice	1/19/2022 3:12 PM
118	Great way to activate neighborhoods.	1/19/2022 3:05 PM
119	My parents own property in Ludington, the food trucks are great. They have websites and	1/19/2022 3:04 PM

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established days/hours/locations posted. It works out wonderfully.

120	I love food trucks! And they provide an entry path for restauranteurs...Red Haven started from a Food Truck. People's Kitchen started from a food truck. The Kona Ice hot cocoa truck has made it possible for my congregants to gather outside for fun fellowship that we can't do right now because we are not eating and drinking inside the church. This is a great addition to our pandemic life, which apparently isn't ending anytime soon.	1/19/2022 2:52 PM
121	Allowing food trucks to operate within the city (other than on private property) is unfair to the already struggling established businesses. The food trucks don't have to pay taxes to maintain the city like the brick and mortar businesses do.	1/19/2022 2:47 PM
122	Consider a centralized place for them in the city.	1/19/2022 2:42 PM
123	Please make East Lansing cool!!!	1/19/2022 2:39 PM
124	The model to mimic is the Little Fleet in Traverse City. They created an area to eat while keeping sustainability in mind. Food trucks being allowed at the Softball complex and Soccer complex would be great as well. There are lots of players and spectators that would benefit from that.	1/19/2022 2:33 PM
125	Please don't limit how many or where food trucks can be. I believe the city has bigger issues to handle than micromanaging food trucks. Yes, maybe some regulations on where they can park to not interfere with traffic - but please don't limit a neighborhood having a community event or a workplace offering some options.	1/19/2022 2:24 PM
126	It would be a missed opportunity not to allow food trucks. The details, may take time and experimenting to sort out. EL has wanted to support place making and community and this feels in alignment with the vision.	1/19/2022 2:23 PM
127	Regarding question #8; as far as the cost to start a food truck vs. a traditional brick and mortar restaurant, yes, there are less barriers to entry. However, in the case of East Lansing, in talking with would-be vendors; I have heard the process of being approved and more importantly, when and where you can operate, is very difficult. Financial barriers are not the only barriers. If you are going to invest your time and money in a food truck, the location and ability to operate is extremely important. As a city, we should be doing our best to set these vendors up for success. Another important thing people should think about when considering whether we should have food trucks is the diversity they provide. Not only do they often provide unique options you wouldn't otherwise find in a traditional restaurant, but furthermore, many offer options native to other cultures/countries. Lastly I would say, competition is good, more people and more options are good. Making it easier for food trucks to operate within our city is a step in the right direction toward creating the vibrant, diverse, community we claim to have. Thank you.	1/19/2022 2:10 PM
128	I've never came to east Lansing with my truck but maybe I will with more access.	1/19/2022 2:09 PM
129	We love food trucks, please let them go wherever!!	1/19/2022 2:08 PM
130	I would love to see food trucks operating in East Lansing, especially in neighborhoods and other areas zoned non-commercial. I believe that this would improve the quality of life and give people a chance to interact with people in the community. It would also allow more variety in the cuisine available. Especially on game days, food trucks could help with the congestion around eateries downtown.	1/19/2022 2:03 PM
131	They're awesome!	1/19/2022 1:59 PM
132	Put some near MSU.	1/19/2022 1:43 PM
133	LET THE TRUCKS IN! It encourages a crowd where money will be spent and people still spend money are restaurants.	1/19/2022 1:38 PM
134	More food trucks please!	1/19/2022 1:26 PM
135	It is a great way to bring a variety of food to one area for people to go and choose what they like. Sometimes it also offers a way to try different (ethnic) foods that you might not otherwise try.	1/19/2022 1:24 PM
136	I've enjoyed the El Oasis food truck in Lansing on Michigan Ave for close to 15 years. I hope the city of East Lansing would require trucks to not be in any one location for more than a	1/19/2022 1:21 PM

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certain period of time such as 30 days. Unfortunately I do have concerns about the up keep of property and cleanliness of the cooking kitchen if it's not attached to sewer and water.

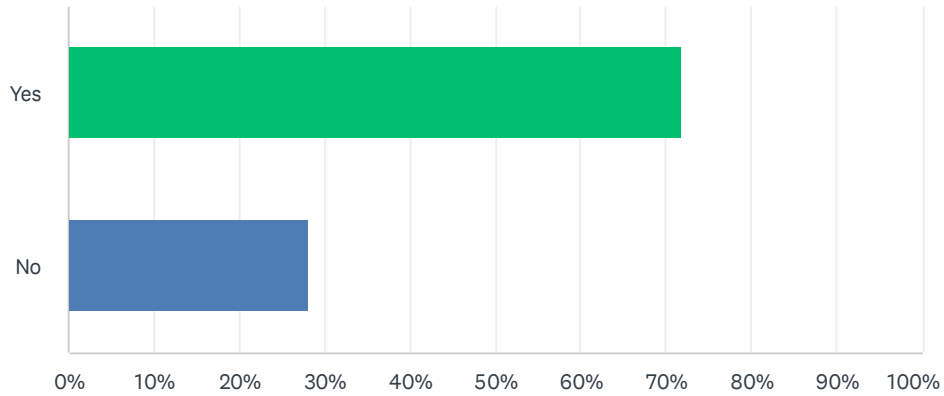
137	I would eat at a food truck if an option open to me.	1/19/2022 1:15 PM
138	I would only support food trucks if it does not impact restaurants and places that already sell food. They should not be allowed to operate in any parking lots, unless approved by those businesses	1/19/2022 1:02 PM
139	Food trucks are not a direct competition to bricks and mortar restaurants anymore than grocery stores are or drive-thrus. While it is a lower barrier to open, it is also limits your upside potential due to lower check totals (limited courses, no alcohol sales, limited prep and serving space, etc...). A great food truck can turn into a great restaurant (see Purple Carrot/Red Haven!).	1/19/2022 12:57 PM
140	With an easily accessible and liberally granted permit process, food trucks can bring increased diversity to East Lansing. After the last two years of socially distanced activity, when things come back to some semblance of normalcy, bringing community members together to support entrepreneurship and local businesses will help rejuvenate the community. Food is a great way to increase awareness, inclusivity, and vibrancy in the community, and this is a low-overhead way to help test proof of concept. The city should also consider a program to help successful food truck owners move into vacant commercial real estate to establish brick and mortar restaurants that will anchor the community for years to come.	1/19/2022 12:53 PM
141	We love the convenience of food trucks and the quality of the food as well as supporting our neighbors that operate them. While I understand the idea of licensing food trucks or wanting to limit their ability to sell near food-specific businesses, there should never be an issue with trucks in parks or neighborhoods where there are no nearby restaurants that are potentially impacted.	1/19/2022 12:43 PM
142	I hope to see this move forward. I think it's important to consider MSU students as potential audience for this survey and for food trucks. Additionally, I think the City may want to ensure that the ordinance can accommodate "surge" capacity- i.e. home football game dates, homecoming, etc., when local restaurants are overrun, and food trucks (including downtown) could be very beneficial.	1/19/2022 12:38 PM
143	Brink back Albert at alfresco! Have food trucks there, especially on weekends when there are long restaurant lines. Football Saturdays too. Make our city vibrant and interesting for more than just students	1/19/2022 12:33 PM
144	East Lansing needs more food options, with the loss of many brick and mortar establishments due to COVID. We need more diversity in food and entertainment.	1/19/2022 12:29 PM
145	They help create a vibrant community and connections between people and people to places. It's a fun outlet and the food is good.	1/19/2022 12:28 PM
146	Have them at Bailey Park!	1/19/2022 12:27 PM
147	I would like to see food trucks at the East Lansing Public Library.	1/19/2022 12:17 PM
148	If we allow more food trucks in EL, it would be nice to also have picnic tables near each food truck. Eating outside is nice, especially during this pandemic, but sometimes food trucks don't provide anywhere to sit. This is one reason I don't go to food trucks as often as i would like to.	1/19/2022 12:15 PM
149	It would be nice if they were allowed around social districts, and may draw more people in that way.	1/19/2022 12:11 PM
150	Please give us food trucks!!!!	1/19/2022 12:10 PM
151	Concerned about impact of food trucks and commercial/economic activity in parks, can entail risk of destruction to a park or natural setting and undermine it in the long-term.	1/19/2022 12:09 PM
152	I used to work in Old Town, Lansing, which frequently welcomed food trucks -- the variety and convenience were great!	1/19/2022 12:01 PM
153	If I knew that a food truck was coming to my local park (Hidden River), I would make plans to eat there or do take-away, and I know many of my neighbors would do likewise. I think it's a great idea to be open to food trucks, especially for new and younger chefs who don't have the capital to open a full restaurant but want to share their food. Please bring more food trucks to more of EL!	1/19/2022 11:59 AM

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154	Competition is good. Food trucks also offer such a different experience than a restaurant. If o want to have a quick bite and listen to the outdoor concert series, or with my kids. Food truck is the best option	1/19/2022 11:53 AM
155	I do not want food trucks too close to my restaurant. If they can't locate close to your events then the same should hold true for restaurants.	1/18/2022 6:30 PM
156	It's a unfair advantage to brick and mortar restaurants that pay the high taxes where as the food trucks pay next to nothing and just take off whenever Put them in a neighborhood if you want but leave them out of downtown	1/18/2022 4:01 PM
157	We feel against food trucks in the central business district because we have found that they are a drain on the city and surrounding businesses for trash, crowds, and traffic patterns. Especially late nights. We also feel that they have an unfair advantage to brick and mortar restaurants that pay the high taxes, while food trucks pay next to nothing and get to leave. They are not vested in the community like we are.	1/18/2022 3:57 PM
158	Food trucks need to stay away from established restaurants during their business operating times. Established restaurants pay several other taxes and utilities that food trucks do not. I feel it is not fair to have that presence of competition parked down the street while my business is open. Thank You!!! Tony Jeske General Manager	1/18/2022 11:44 AM

Q12 Have you read the draft ordinance and policy resolution under consideration?

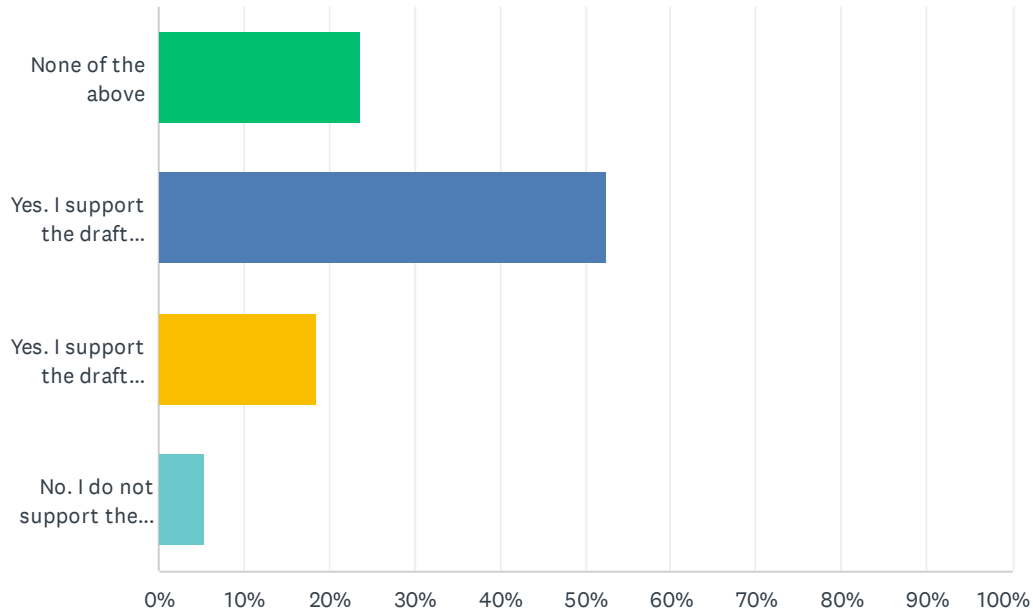
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	71.81%	270
No	28.19%	106
TOTAL		376

Q13 Do you support the draft ordinance and policy resolution currently under consideration?

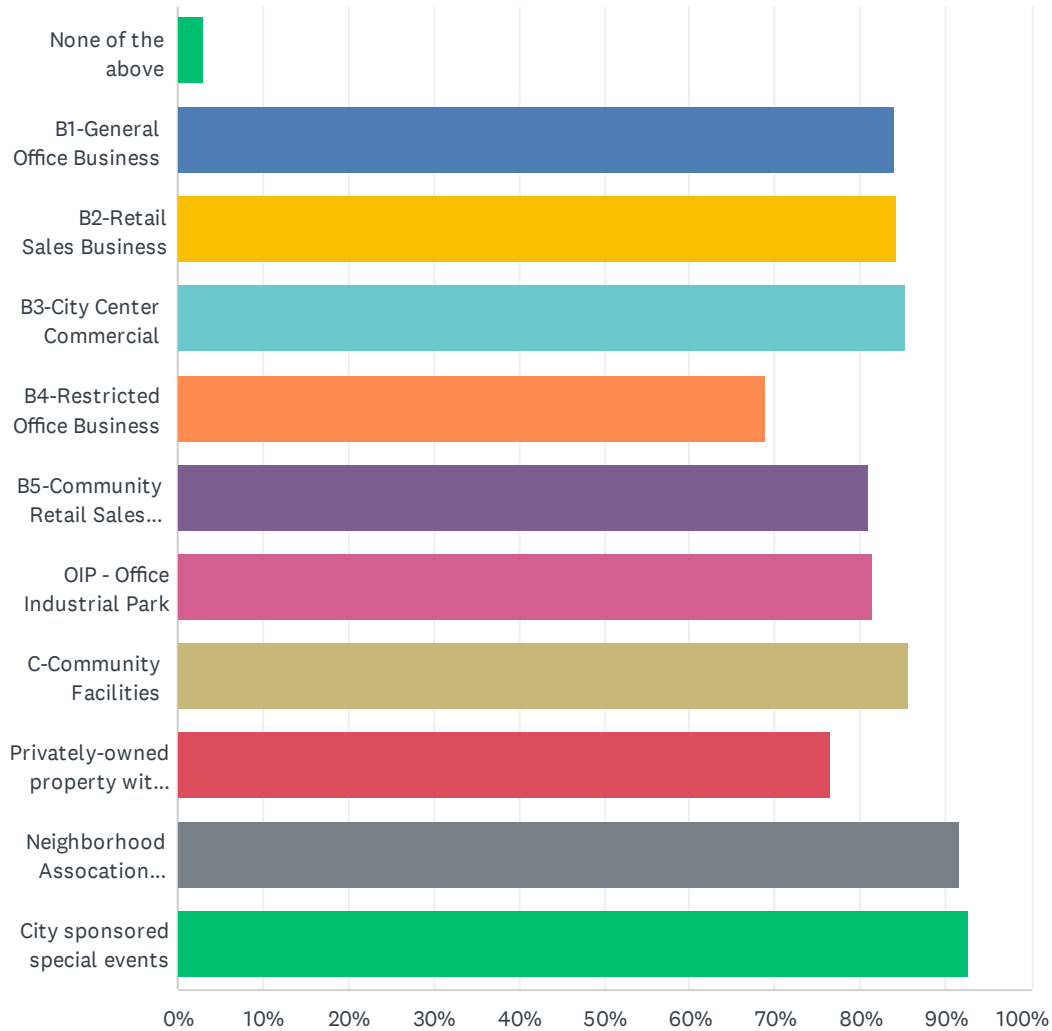
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	23.67%	89
Yes. I support the draft ordinance and policy resolution under consideration.	52.39%	197
Yes. I support the draft ordinance and policy resolution under consideration with certain modifications.	18.62%	70
No. I do not support the draft ordinance and policy resolution under consideration.	5.32%	20
TOTAL		376

Q14 Food trucks should be allowed to operate in the following zoning districts, on private property, and/or event: (select all that apply)

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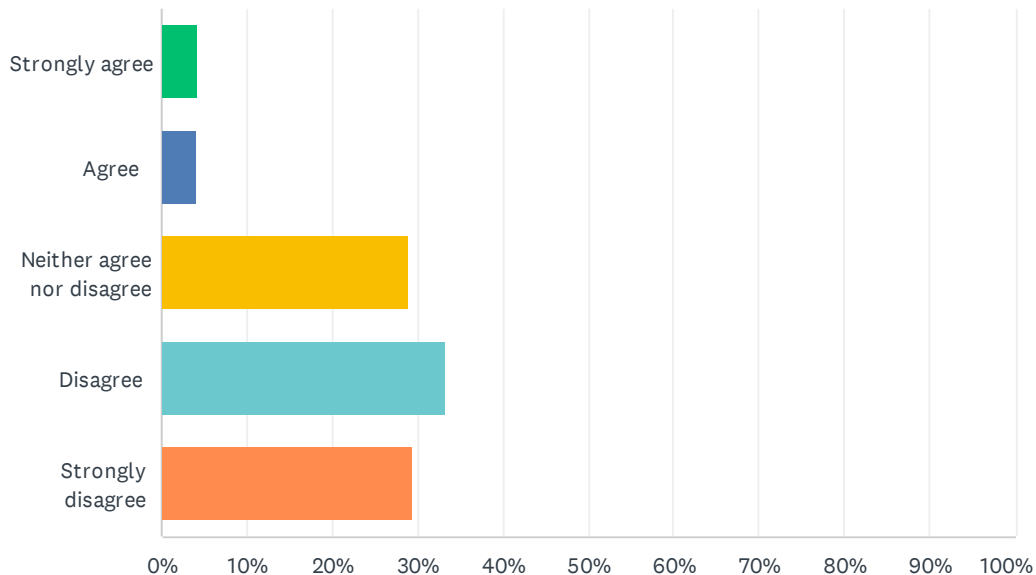


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	2.93%	11
B1-General Office Business	84.04%	316
B2-Retail Sales Business	84.31%	317
B3-City Center Commercial	85.37%	321
B4-Restricted Office Business	68.88%	259
B5-Community Retail Sales Business	81.12%	305
OIP - Office Industrial Park	81.38%	306
C-Community Facilities	85.64%	322
Privately-owned property within one of the zoning districts listed above	76.60%	288
Neighborhood Association Block Party Events	91.76%	345
City sponsored special events	92.82%	349
Total Respondents: 376		

Q15 Food trucks will negatively impact revenue at brick and mortar restaurants.

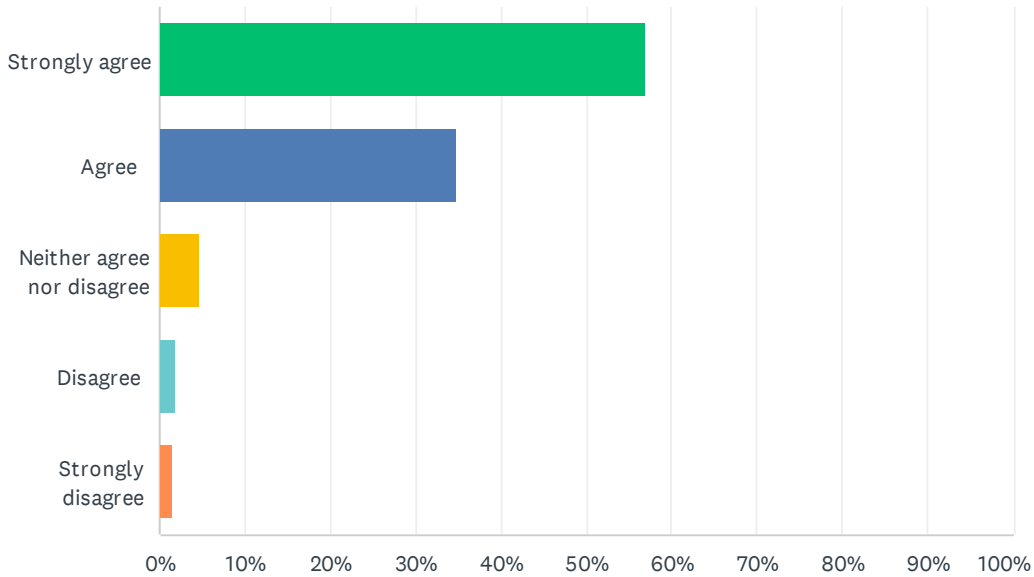
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	4.26%	16
Agree	3.99%	15
Neither agree nor disagree	28.99%	109
Disagree	33.24%	125
Strongly disagree	29.52%	111
TOTAL		376

Q16 Food trucks will help increase pedestrian foot traffic for adjacent businesses.

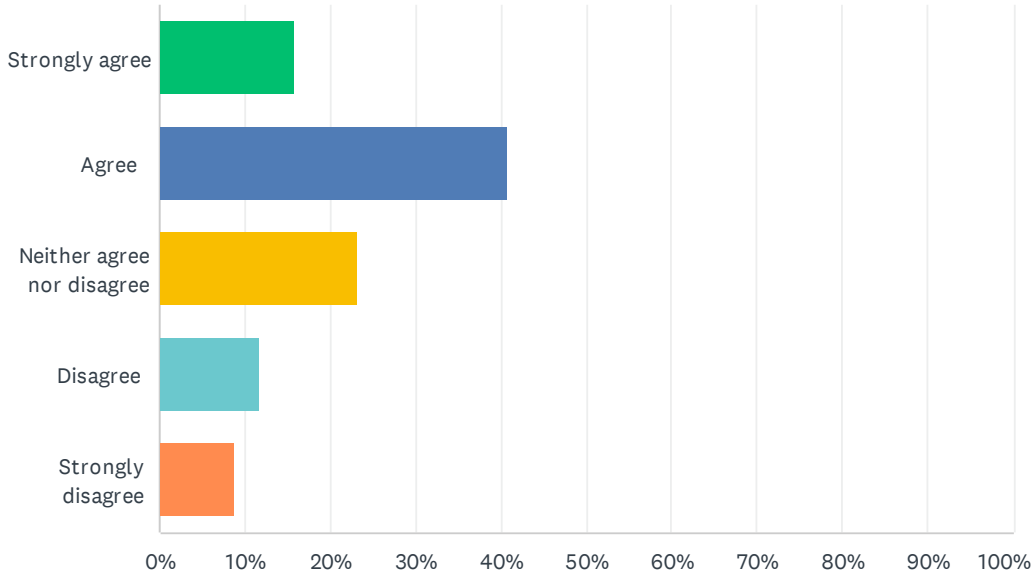
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	56.91%	214
Agree	34.84%	131
Neither agree nor disagree	4.79%	18
Disagree	1.86%	7
Strongly disagree	1.60%	6
TOTAL		376

Q17 The distance requirement of 20 feet between an operating food truck and a brick and mortar restaurant is fair.

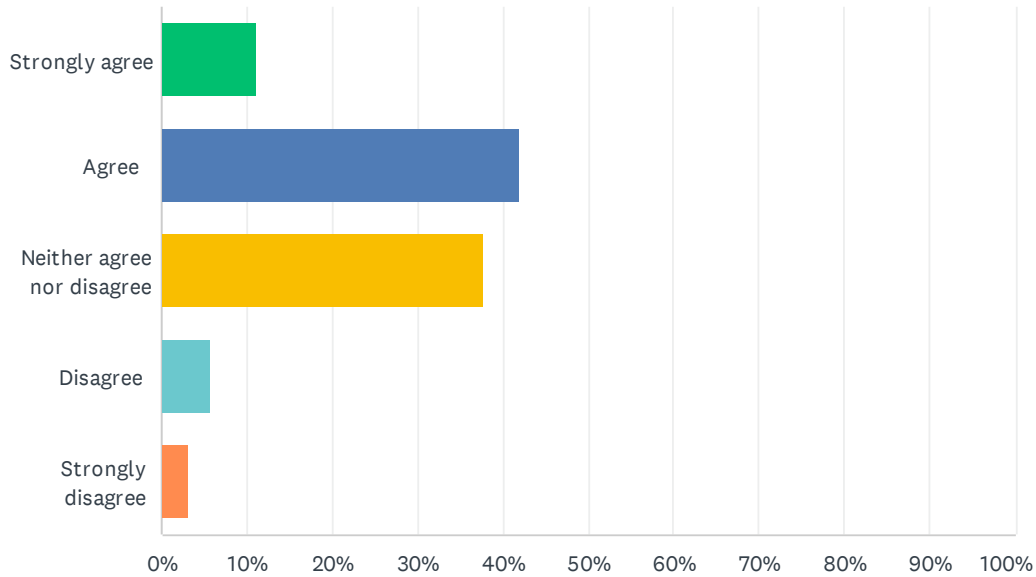
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	15.69%	59
Agree	40.69%	153
Neither agree nor disagree	23.14%	87
Disagree	11.70%	44
Strongly disagree	8.78%	33
TOTAL		376

Q18 The food truck hours of operations proposed for each zoning district are fair.

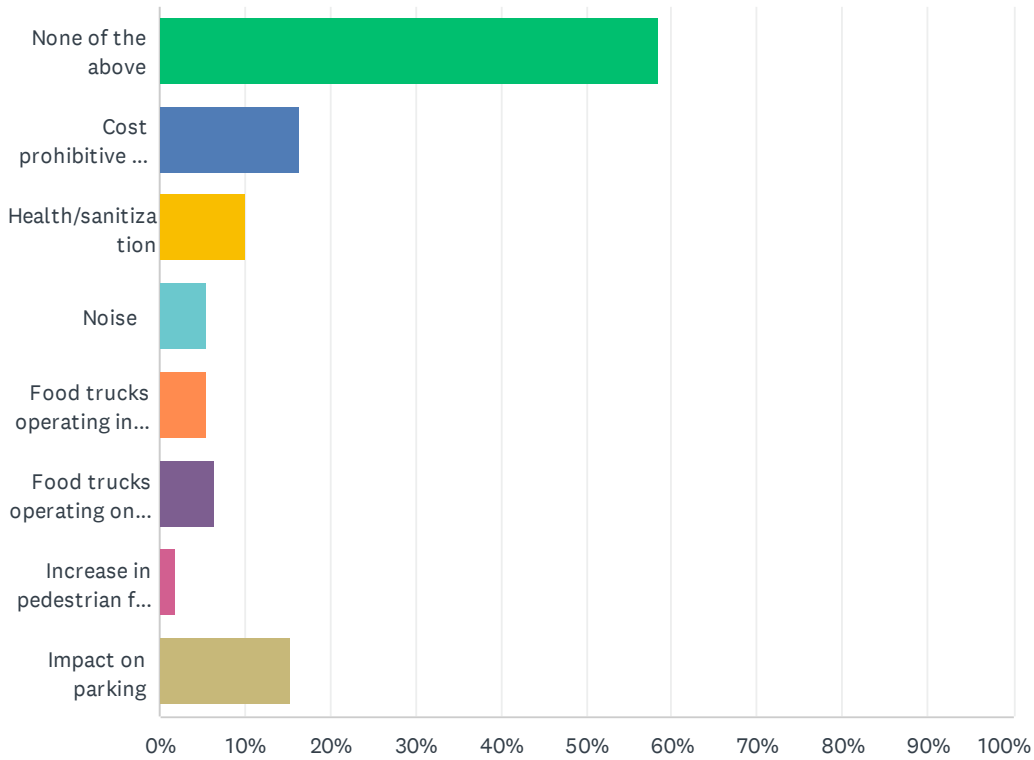
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	11.17%	42
Agree	42.02%	158
Neither agree nor disagree	37.77%	142
Disagree	5.85%	22
Strongly disagree	3.19%	12
TOTAL		376

Q19 I have the following concerns with the proposed ordinance and policy:

Answered: 376 Skipped: 165



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	58.51%	220
Cost prohibitive for food truck operators	16.49%	62
Health/sanitization	10.11%	38
Noise	5.59%	21
Food trucks operating in public spaces	5.59%	21
Food trucks operating on private property	6.38%	24
Increase in pedestrian foot traffic	1.86%	7
Impact on parking	15.43%	58
Total Respondents: 376		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Why are neighborhood associations only allowed 1 block party with a food truck each year. Why should the city care how often neighbors host food trucks? Congregating builds stronger communities. Hosting food trucks helps small businesses. I don't think a limit is wise or necessary.	2/4/2022 8:56 AM
2	NOT IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS. Traffic, noise and the disruption it brings is too much.	2/3/2022 5:23 PM

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3	The fees associated with good truck permits should be reduced to encourage good food trucks in our city	1/31/2022 9:54 AM
4	Peacemaking in general giving businesses in the "made" place an unfair advantage over other businesses in the city. Adding this on top of that is disturbing.	1/30/2022 7:10 PM
5	I have issues with cost, if only because I seek to use this as a means to get a "leg-up" in the world where working your 9-5 no longer can provide you with enough income to live or succeed. I live alone, I'm about to turn 30 - I have no prospects for a wife or children and that ship is quickly sailing out of port. Doing everything on your own is so very tiring, I already work two jobs all seven days a week. Seeing the \$500 application fee for just attempting to start is insurmountable to me, that single person doing it alone - this doesn't even start to touch on permit fees, licensing, making sure everything is up to code, etc. I'm trying to sling Coney Dog's out of an electric cargo bicycle, hauling a trailer equipped with propane heat and on cart grill, boiler, and wash tank. I want to pedal this around small communities and neighborhoods passing them out "Ice Cream Truck" style. Every aspect of the business has been drawn up to make it the least cost prohibitive to get started; I'll unfortunately be operating illegally initially though because there is simply *no way* I can afford the litany of startup paperwork fees. Thanks for hearing me out, I'm not sure the solution to something like this though.	1/29/2022 1:07 PM
6	Regulations make it cost prohibitive for food trucks that serve small one day events such as an estate sale or auction. Often the food truck is offered as a convience to the customers of the event which benefits the East Lansing taxpayer holding the sale for the estate or legitimate liquidation by offering this basic necessity to the customers of the auction event. (Sometimes such events can last up to 10 hours. Providing for food and bathroom facilities is a human necessity.)	1/29/2022 11:18 AM
7	If this policy has been created based upon policies in similar cities where successful food truck operation has been established and tested, I have few concerns.	1/29/2022 9:52 AM
8	I don't know enough about the economics to understand whether costs for food truck operators would be reasonable or not - that is a relevant concern	1/29/2022 8:18 AM
9	Let food trucks stay longer.	1/28/2022 11:04 PM
10	This isn't a bad start, but over all the updates to the policy are more restrictive than I would like to see. Open up the hours as well.	1/28/2022 3:31 PM
11	You cannot make this process overly complicated and cumbersome for the operators. Licensing process must be cost effective and as easy as possible to access while still maintaining compliance with health and safety requirements.	1/23/2022 11:47 AM
12	I think all the food trucks should be allowed in one central location which encourages a destination visit.	1/23/2022 9:42 AM
13	Limiting hours to 10pm is RIDICULOUS. They should be able to operate until 0200-0300 in the morning if they want.	1/21/2022 2:06 PM
14	There are so many restaurants in the city center saying they have to be 20 feet away is going to be prohibitive to key locations where there is more than enough business	1/21/2022 2:08 AM
15	A caveat to allow for additional locations to be submitted for review	1/20/2022 11:37 PM
16	Allow vendors to operate 24 hours if they choose to. I would like to be able to order great food anytime. Remove the 20 and 10 foot rule space may be scarce. Especially in east lansing, grand river strip area. Allow vendors to have banners, flags, lights or any decorations they would like (#10). Allow vendors to play music. Allow vendors to have seating if spaces allows it remove the sight plan requirement. Remove the cost of inspection. Remove the clean up deposit. Why charge someone for something that "might" happen? If someone litters then charge them at that time. Remove the prior permission permit to work at a special event and block party.	1/20/2022 8:59 PM
17	I think we should allow and support food trucks!	1/20/2022 8:52 PM
18	The permit for block or neighborhood parties is silly. The limit to two trucks per neighborhood party is overly burdensome.	1/20/2022 8:37 PM
19	None of these concerns are legitimate. Food trucks operate successfully in Lansing proper without any negative impacts. Suggesting health and sanitation is inappropriate in my	1/20/2022 9:36 AM

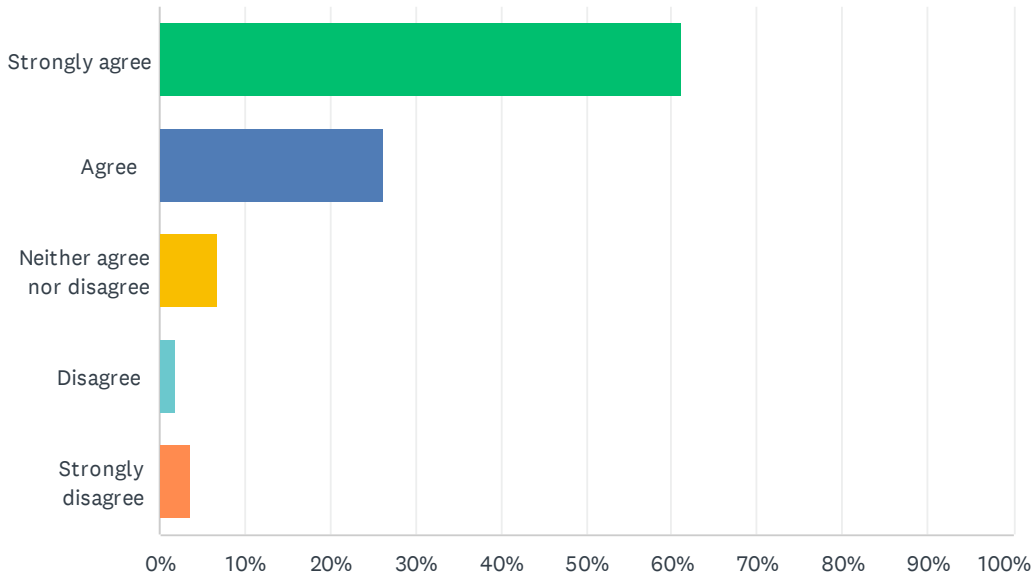
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suggestion because it's a way for some people to come up with an objection to local businesses who rely on their businesses operation with no actual substantiated evidence that they are "unsanitary". If you have this concern, don't go, but don't assume local business owners run unsanitary businesses.

20	My only negative concern is a lack of free public restrooms/washrooms--however this could increase traffic to local businesses for restroom use (e.g. ordering a drink post food truck meal at an established restaurant in order mainly to use the restroom--but this is not great or fair). I also think that the block party food truck limits are arbitrary and should be eliminated or at least expanded to allow up to 3 food trucks at a block party and no yearly limits for block party food truck use, as I do not really see the point or need for these restrictions as described in the proposed ordinance.	1/19/2022 11:03 PM
21	The draft language about block parties seems to restrictive as written	1/19/2022 9:52 PM
22	Smells	1/19/2022 9:20 PM
23	I did not read the proposal in full so I cannot really comment on questions 11, 12, or 16. Pertaining to question 15, I think food trucks should be required to be further than 20 feet from brick and mortar food/restaurants. I don't know if a food truck in Lansing that is stationed that close to brick and mortars but it seems too close. However, if an establishment does not sell food, it would be ok to be stationed within 20 feet if they have a working relationship with the establishment. (Ex: The Brew/Bangos; Sanctuary Spirits/Panchos)	1/19/2022 9:19 PM
24	The neighborhoods should be allowed up to four trucks at their events at a time of their choosing.	1/19/2022 9:06 PM
25	Odor and refuse.	1/19/2022 7:46 PM
26	I feel that the current ordinance has more restrictive verbiage than necessary. It's obvious that it's expecting this to open the door to problems downtown and you're trying to cover the bases to prevent issues and expect the worst case. It would be better to be less restrictive at first and change the ordinance to correct issues that have actually presented themselves.	1/19/2022 7:39 PM
27	Leave food trucks alone to do their thing. Stop micromanaging.	1/19/2022 7:28 PM
28	I don't know	1/19/2022 7:15 PM
29	I think the ordinance is too restrictive. It should be even more relaxed.	1/19/2022 3:54 PM
30	One concern would be that it's unnecessarily restrictive on neighborhoods wanting to utilize food trucks. Not sure why a neighborhood would be limited on the number of times they could have food trucks, especially if they were providing the required paperwork and following all other applicable rules.	1/19/2022 3:47 PM
31	The "one block party a year" provision seems very limiting.	1/19/2022 2:07 PM
32	Food trucks should not operate in City Parks or the Aquatic Center, Softball complex or Soccer Complex unless receiving a permit to do so	1/19/2022 1:10 PM
33	I completely disagree with limiting food trucks in "association block parties" to once a year. Associations are not seeking city personnel assistance with street closures or traffic flow if there is a food truck in the neighborhood during lunchtime or in the evening. There are no tax dollars being used by a food truck in an association either. I am also concerned that if the fees are too great for food truck owners, you've just discriminated against an owner just starting out that is trying to establish him or herself in the area.	1/19/2022 12:57 PM
34	Car traffic shut downs that cause congestion.	1/19/2022 12:12 PM
35	Let them fire up their generators 500 feet from my store. Thank you.	1/18/2022 6:33 PM
36	Trash, crowds and traffic patterns	1/18/2022 4:10 PM

Q20 The proposed ordinance and policy resolution would enhance my experience while living, working, and playing in East Lansing.

Answered: 376 Skipped: 165



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	61.17%	230
Agree	26.33%	99
Neither agree nor disagree	6.91%	26
Disagree	1.86%	7
Strongly disagree	3.72%	14
TOTAL		376

Q21 Is there anything else that you would like to add about the draft ordinance and/or draft policy resolution?

Answered: 51 Skipped: 490

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	NOT IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS. Traffic, noise and the disruption it brings is too much.	2/3/2022 5:23 PM
2	Any reference to Neighborhood Associations and the number of times per year a food truck can serve in the neighborhood is really none of the City's business. This is extreme government overreach at the local level. The administrative costs that will be incurred to administer this ordinance will far outweigh any revenue coming in. This is certain to be an activity that costs more than is brought in. Be sure to consider the time required by each department to do their portion of the administrative process. The City states that it is so concerned about small business. However, the words seem to be at odds with the actions. It appears as though some entities feel they are or should be exempt from trying to be competitive. There should be no special deals to protect any entity (regardless of brick and mortar). That is an excuse. Having been a former small business owner, it is critical that the business adapt to a changing environment to meet customer wants/needs. That is exactly what the food truck industry did over the past two-plus years - The saw a customer need and pursued it.	2/3/2022 3:30 PM
3	I think hours of operation in city center could be expanded until 2am.	1/31/2022 1:53 PM
4	The fees associated with food truck permits should be reduced to encourage good food trucks in our city	1/31/2022 9:54 AM
5	Let the fair market economy play out and stop trying to engineer special deals for certain industries and individuals.	1/30/2022 7:10 PM
6	Solicit feedback on the ordinance from successful food trucks in downtown Lansing and genuinely consider their input on the draft. The restrictions for mobile food vendors for city sponsored events seem restrictive by requiring approval from the city manager. Maybe that's how downtown Lansing does it as well, but if not please be more lenient. City sponsored events should have a few reserved vendor spots for food trucks, then fill them on a first come first serve basis to licensed vendors.	1/30/2022 1:28 PM
7	Frankly, I have not carefully read the whole draft. It would have been helpful if you had provided a summary of key aspects and changes.	1/29/2022 6:29 PM
8	I do not believe that a food truck will hinder other businesses. People will choose to eat where they see fit. If someone wants to go to a sit down restaurant. They will. If someone wants to grab a quick bite from the food truck they will. Competition is everywhere as is, food trucks should not be seen as a threat.	1/29/2022 12:35 PM
9	See above.	1/29/2022 11:18 AM
10	Again, the City should demonstrate that adequate research has been done into the ordinances of cities of similar size and resources with food truck operations.	1/29/2022 9:52 AM
11	I think food trucks add a fun element - and an ability to try something new without commitment to a sit down meal somewhere - that would be attractive to students, families, 'foodies' etc. They would definitely tend to local businesses and not chains, which is a positive.	1/29/2022 8:18 AM
12	I think that food trucks are a great way for potential restaurant entrepreneurs to incubate and test concepts before going through the expense and risk of launching a full restaurant. I've known several who have done so in the last several years, and the local food options are better for that. A number of neighboring communities allow food trucks, and their local restaurants have not suffered. When I worked in downtown Lansing, the weekly visit from the pizza truck or Bangos were high points, allowing for a quick chat with friendly faces and access to food options that I wouldn't have had otherwise. I'd love to have that here.	1/28/2022 11:57 PM
13	Albert st should stay closed until after New Years. There should be a Christmas market, news	1/28/2022 11:04 PM

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years eve ball drop event. Hell drop a basketball or melting moments ice cream sandwich whatever just create the event. Students are gone anyways.

14	Get rid of the following Sections 8-152, 8-153, 8-154, and 8-155. What is the point of having city licenses and state licenses if they are going to overlap so much? Just require one of the other.	1/28/2022 3:31 PM
15	Perhaps I didn't catch it in the draft but I think there should be limitation on the type of truck that can be within the same vicinity of a brick and mortar restaurant. For example, perhaps a taco truck shouldn't be permitted to be in front of a Latin food restaurant. Food for thought :)	1/26/2022 8:02 PM
16	I assume you have already but in the event that you have not, there is a model in Traverse City that you could review. They have a well-known outdoor space that is a designated specifically for food trucks. It seems like this could easily be adapted to fit in East Lansing. Similarly to how there is the farmers market in the Meridian mall parking lot there are plenty of other vacant spaces throughout east Lansing that could be leveraged for this purpose. I wholeheartedly support the ability for these committed and dedicated and talented small business owners to have the opportunity to share their passion with the community.	1/23/2022 11:47 AM
17	the ordinance/draft policy is for those who work in the business to work out--not we lay persons	1/23/2022 9:42 AM
18	I'm concerned about the limit of "block parties" in neighborhoods. Although our neighborhood generally has one "block party" type event per year, we do like to have food trucks throughout the year, and that sometimes means two food trucks at once. I would hate for that to be limited.	1/22/2022 10:22 AM
19	creating this "permit" process is clearly another way to push food trucks away.	1/22/2022 8:53 AM
20	no	1/21/2022 6:45 PM
21	Limiting hours to 10pm is RIDICULOUS. They should be able to operate until 0200-0300 in the morning if they want.	1/21/2022 2:06 PM
22	Allow food to be served past midnight. There's literally 3 places our student body can eat after midnight. In Ann Arbor they have food trucks set up outside of the bars so kids can go home with a full stomach.	1/21/2022 8:01 AM
23	Lansing is moving in the right direction and I support these businesses. Love more food trucks, who wouldn't besides man angry at cloud?	1/20/2022 10:14 PM
24	More food trucks please! I think they enliven a community.	1/20/2022 10:08 PM
25	Allow vendors to operate 24 hours if they choose to. I would like to be able to order great food anytime. Remove the 20 and 10 foot rule space may be scarce. Especially in east lansing, grand river strip area. Allow vendors to have banners, flags, lights or any decorations they would like (#10). Allow vendors to play music. Allow vendors to have seating if spaces allows it remove the sight plan requirement. Remove the cost of inspection. Remove the clean up deposit. Why charge someone for something that "might" happen? If someone litters then charge them at that time. Remove the prior permission permit to work at a special event and block party.	1/20/2022 8:59 PM
26	A 21 page ordinance is a lot to read and review. I fear government is try to make it hard for food trucks to operate in the city.	1/20/2022 8:52 PM
27	I would have read the drafted ordinance but it wouldn't open.	1/20/2022 8:44 PM
28	Keep it simple. Allow food trucks. Let residents experience a variety of foods. Don't require multiple permits that are too confusing and duplicative of costs.	1/20/2022 8:37 PM
29	Moderation is the key to any expansion. I do not know the definitions and boundaries of the various zoning districts to answer those questions properly.	1/20/2022 5:36 PM
30	Why would a food truck have to be 20 feet away from a restaurant? Competition is already there from brick and mortar restaurants that are next door. I think this is way over thought and restrictive. If a truck wants to set up in a vacant lot all day, who cares. It works in Haslett and Lansing. But I feel like people want more of a Little Feet experience like in Traverse City rather than random food trucks parked on a street. Find out who runs that and figure it out. Isn't anyone contacting cities who already have this, like Ann Arbor to see what works and what doesn't? East Lansing want's to be inclusive yet they over do the laws. \$500 deposit to have sell from a truck for trash clean-up? All the rules have to have someone overseeing all of it.	1/20/2022 4:35 PM

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Paperwork is very confusing and seems over done. What causes problems is letting them park on a street and cause traffic problems down town. What if a Frat/Sor sponsored a food truck for a party. Seems like a good idea. What if MAC was closed one night a month for a food truck event? Think about how they can improve East Lansing rather than take away from "Brick and Mortar" or god forbid more taxes for EL. Good Luck

31	Not at this time.	1/20/2022 10:20 AM
32	This is a big step forward for this city. Learn to appeal to students and residents who want to activate your streets. Don't just ban businesses from operating because people have concerns that, quite honestly, won't come to fruition. There won't be enough food truck visitors to undermine the success of other local businesses. The tri-county area is home to hundreds of thousands of people who need to eat.	1/20/2022 9:36 AM
33	Feed us!	1/20/2022 6:42 AM
34	We created our entire business plan to operate our food truck, Bangos, in EL. We applied and twice were turned down due to local businesses, some that couldn't even be considered competition, a student book store, voting against us operating downtown. If a small group of private business owners can vote against any truck that applies, there's no point revising the policy or having a policy at all. Lansing makes it quite easy to operate a food truck in. We've made our business work there and later opened a brick and mortar with a different food concept in Lansing. We grew a customer base there and never had any problems with the city. I currently have no interest opening a new business in EL or applying for this revised food truck permit because of my previous experience with the city. Especially the downtown authority. Food trucks do not hurt or take away from existing restaurants. Whether you're selling food from a building or a truck, you're adding to the city and paying taxes and fees. Mobile vendors should be treated as equally important.	1/19/2022 11:29 PM
35	Just the comment above that the block party limits on the number of food trucks and yearly limits on them are not necessary. Public restrooms and/or public sinks should also be provided by the city.	1/19/2022 11:03 PM
36	N/a	1/19/2022 10:33 PM
37	Not operating on an improved surface. If the unimproved surface is being openly and knowingly used as a roadway or parking lot, then mobile vending should be allowed.	1/19/2022 10:17 PM
38	The steps are in the right direction. Please let's make this a reality by summer to help enhance this community. It's been a long two years and an idea like this helps with a sense of community and restores faith in the work of The council On behalf of the people of East Lansing .	1/19/2022 9:06 PM
39	Hours should be restricted to the same as other operating bars and restaurants. You're missing a word in section 8-182. It is nonsense to require the trucks to provide their own trash cans when the city should be providing those in public high traffic areas. A 20 ft min distance from restaurants is ridiculous downtown, that eliminates almost the entire street and side streets. This proposal should be written to be less restrictive and be updated 6 months after implementation to restrict where necessary.	1/19/2022 7:39 PM
40	Just allow the damned things without all these meddling, over-involved rules.	1/19/2022 7:28 PM
41	I would like to see food trucks in East Lansing. I do not feel that food trucks will have any negative impacts on brick and mortar businesses.	1/19/2022 6:34 PM
42	Please consider late night food trucks, especially for down town. This would be such a nice vibe and make hanging out in downtown fun!	1/19/2022 3:54 PM
43	It states the application is "an amount set by council". Maybe it's stated elsewhere, but I'm curious what that amount might be? Also, it states the applicant is responsible for "identification and description of all businesses operating within 25 feet of the proposed locations" and "the identification and description of all residential dwellings within 50 feet of the proposed locations". While I don't think this is a major burden, if I recall correctly, if submitting a building/development project, staff puts together a map of the surrounding properties and sends out notices. Will that will happen in the case of a food truck? If so, it seems unnecessary to have the applicant provide this info. Thank you.	1/19/2022 3:47 PM
44	Keeping food trucks away from regular restaurants seems important.	1/19/2022 3:21 PM

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45	I didn't read the ordinance because it is 21 pages long	1/19/2022 3:20 PM
46	Too restrictive. Should allow max 4 trucks. Should allow max 3 times/year If a registered neighborhood association has received a permit for a block party under Section 38-37, then the neighborhood association may allow two or fewer mobile food vending units to operate for up to four hours during the block party. A neighborhood association may only have mobile food vending units at one block party during each calendar year. A mobile food vending unit operating under this subsection must first receive a concessionaire license from the City and pay any applicable fee established by resolution of the City Council but is not required to obtain a mobile food vending unit license under subsection (a) above.	1/19/2022 2:49 PM
47	I would expand the hours of operation to 2am on Friday and Saturday nights. People need food when they leave the bar.	1/19/2022 1:50 PM
48	There are many cities that have 'food truck rallies' that draw people in from all over during the summer months. East Lansing could be that kind of destination but these types of overarching ordinances prevent us from being that kind of a town. I agreed you don't want 10 food trucks on Albert Ave. taking away business from the restaurants in that area, but what about our parks away from downtown? Why are we not capitalizing on those spaces and hosting events like those as a recreational activity that is also family friendly? The food truck industry surpassed \$1.2B in 2020 and will continue to grow. We can embrace that people love the idea of variety in one area while not having to commit to a sit down meal or we can continue to overregulate it. For those of us that aren't part of the university, I want East Lansing to be a place people want to visit, spend their money here, and maybe even move to.	1/19/2022 12:57 PM
49	I think having food trucks available at public places like the Hannah Center and the library would be very beneficial to the community.	1/19/2022 12:22 PM
50	N/A	1/19/2022 12:12 PM
51	Food trucks are not vested in the community like we are	1/18/2022 4:10 PM