

BNA Response regarding Parking Food Cart or Truck in the Browncroft Neighborhood

Thank you for inquiring about parking a food cart or truck in the Browncroft neighborhood during the garage sale. However, this event does not invite or encourage outside vendors into the neighborhood. It is organized strictly as individual residents having garage sales at the same time. If you know an individual that owns a home in the area you could ask them if you could set up inside their private property line, as I believe the code allows for truck/cart vendors at private properties on a temporary basis in residential areas with a Certificate of Zoning Compliance from the Director of Zoning.

Concerning food truck/carts generally, the entire Browncroft neighborhood is zoned single family residential (R-1), which means there can be no commercial enterprises allowed within the R-1 district. The City of Rochester code regulations, which as a licensed vendor you are probably aware of, dictate that food carts and trucks are not allowed in residential areas. This rule we wholeheartedly support. The new code is lenient outside the downtown central business district as to where mobile food vendors can park, as long as it is not in a residential zone. Consider locating in the nearby commercial district(s) on Winton Rd.

Although, our visitors to the neighborhood usually get very hungry and would love to be able to stop at a handy cart, the garage sale is just a mega residential garage selling activity originally organized to enable neighbors to get their garage “sale-ing” done and out of their system at one time. There are no parking lots in the neighborhood, of course, and the street parking hardly covers the needs of the crowds that come into the neighborhood. So the area could not support food vendors taking up parking spaces from the residents' garage sale customers. Additionally, it has become a difficult imposition enough on the non-participant neighbors (over 60%) to cope with the event and congestion, without adding any outside commercial vendors.

Again, thank you for checking ahead rather than illegally setting up shop.

Best Regards,
BNA Zoning Committee