

Watertown City Council

July 14th, 2020

Agenda Item: Use of Streets – Mario’s Italian Kitchen Food Truck

Request for Action: Adopt Resolution #2020-98, Approving Use of Streets

Department: Shane Fineran, City Administrator

Background:

Mario Cortolezzis of Mario’s Italian Kitchen is requesting the use of streets adjacent to his business at 201 Lewis Avenue S for the sale of food items from his food truck. Water damage sustained in the building located in the pizza kitchen area necessitated the removal of equipment and supplies to facilitate repair and clean-up. The operation of the food truck would aid in supplementing cooking capacity in the restaurant while repairs are being made.

Mario’s Italian Kitchen has a valid transient merchant permit to operate the food truck in the city, however the use of public streets is not expressly permitted by the issuance of that permit. This is the first request for the operation of a food truck on the public right of way or on public property. This is an issue that many other cities have dealt with in recent years with the popularity of food truck type businesses.

The food truck will be parked, when not at other events, in the existing parking stalls adjacent to the business and would provide cooking services to the restaurant as well as walk-up service. The business has an existing valid obstruction permit for the placement of a storage container for restaurant equipment and supplies removed from the restaurant.

Staff supports this request and would recommend approval with the following conditions:

1. The business shall be responsible for the management and clean-up of trash related to the food truck operation.
2. The business shall provide the city a certificate of insurance naming the city as additional insured.
3. Operation of the food truck shall be consistent with the regular operating hours of the primary business.
4. The use of streets is valid for the period covered under the existing obstruction permit.

Funding Source:

None

Attachments:

Map of area

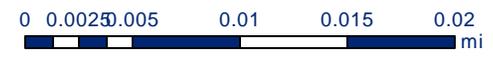
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CITY OF WATERTOWN

201 Lewis Ave S

Map Date: 7/9/2020



**CITY OF WATERTOWN
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-98**

RESOLUTION APPROVING USE OF MUNICIPAL STREET

WHEREAS, the City of Watertown (the “City”) provides for private use of City streets and parking facilities for special events and uses; and

WHEREAS, the City has received a request from Mario Cortolezzis, Mario’s Italian Kitchen (the “Business) to utilize the parking spaces in the 200 block of Lewis Avenue South adjacent to the business at 201 Lewis Avenue South; and

WHEREAS, the use will consist of the parking of the Mario’s Italian Kitchen Food Truck (the “Food Truck”) and to operate as supplemental cooking space for the restaurant as well as for walk-up service; and

WHEREAS, the Business and Food Truck have existing valid Transient Merchant and Obstruction permits issued; and

WHEREAS, the Business shall comply with the following conditions related to the use of streets:

1. The business shall be responsible for the management and clean-up of trash related to the food truck operation.
2. The business shall provide the city a certificate of insurance naming the city as additional insured.
3. Operation of the food truck shall be consistent with the regular operating hours of the primary business.
4. The use of streets is valid for the period covered under the existing obstruction permit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Watertown, Minnesota, hereby approves the use of said municipal street.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Watertown this 14th day of July 2020.

Steve Washburn, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Lynn Tschudi, Clerk/Treasurer