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-----Original Message-----
From: Rodney Dofort <rodney@ironkeybrewing.com>
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2023 8:59 AM
To: manager@columbusnc.com
Subject: Food Truck Permits.

Good morning Tim,

Thank you for the time you gave me to discuss the current changes in Food Truck permit fees for the Town of Columbus.

We, at Iron Key Brewing, are aware of the history of this issue and the negative reaction from some local restaurants who saw unfair competition from trucks which could set up and serve near them without incurring the tax burden of a bricks and mortar location.

We also appreciated the comments that Food Trucks serving in public areas might be a negative image with parking issues and the potential for litter and overflowing waste bins.

I would like to submit that Iron Key is uniquely placed to avoid all these issues. We already pay taxes on the same basis as other restaurants in Columbus, we would host a Food Truck entirely within our own fenced property, with staff to continually clean around it, and we are not visible to people passing through town.

Iron Key has recently invested in a new Yard and expanded our hours to add lunchtimes on Wednesday and Thursday but we are unable to hire and retain sufficient kitchen staff to open on Mondays and Tuesdays when there are very few dining options to bring local residents to Columbus. This is where we feel that the addition of carefully selected Food Trucks would help us to expand our recognition and introduce more people to Columbus.

On Monday August 14th we will host the Cousins Maine Lobster Food Truck from 4pm - 8.30pm. I would like to invite the Council and the Planning Board to visit and get their own

first hand impressions of whether this is a positive or negative event for the Town of Columbus. If the weather cooperates I think you will see a large number of citizens of all ages coming out with friends and children to enjoy the new Yard and play Corn Hole and other yard or board games.

I believe your next Council Meeting is on August 17th and I will attend to hear your views and I undertake to pay whatever Permit Fee you consider is applicable having discussed the special circumstances.

I do think that Iron Key Brewing can be a unique asset to the Town and, working together, we can bring a lot of new visitors and generate substantial sales taxes.

Best regards,

Rodney Dofort
Managing Partner
Iron Key Brewing
Columbus

Sent from my iPad