

# Food trucks ready for another serving in Norfolk

*CORRECTION: Because of incorrect city information, a previous version of this story misidentified a food truck. The truck's name is Malbon's BBQ "The Flying Pig."*

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## NORFOLK

Food trucks will again be selling tacos, barbecue and hot dogs downtown starting today.

Norfolk modeled last year's pilot food truck program after one in Boston and finished with three regularly operating trucks and four sidewalk vendors, according to Assistant City Manager Ron Williams Jr.

"We have a vibrant food truck program," Williams told the City Council last month. "While it is small in numbers, it's pretty reflective of our population and the number of businesses that we have downtown."

Williams said downtown restaurant sales have increased even with food trucks, and the city believes they don't have an impact either way on sales at traditional restaurants.

In addition to selling food at lunch, the city allowed the trucks to sell at MacArthur Square in the late afternoons on the third Thursday of the month.

The city's approved food truck vendors include Panavoir, Diesel Foods, Bobby Q, Jeepney Express, Surfside Mobile Food Service and Granby Street Hot Dogs. Alternates are Sofrito, Karnage Asada, Bro's Fish Tacos, Captain Chefs, The Coop, The Lucky Peach, Pita Pit and Malbon's BBQ "The Flying Pig."

Locations for trucks will generally be in the 100 block of Freemason St., on Plume Street at MacArthur Square and on Bank Street at MacArthur Square. Right now, food trucks are mostly restricted from setting up in other locations.

Additionally, pushcarts will operate at several locations downtown.

They'll operate until December.

Drew Ungvarsky, the CEO of the Granby Street agency Grow Interactive and president of a professional group called Re:Vision Norfolk, said he'd like to see public input determine which trucks participate, as well as expansion to other locations.

"I'm happy it's back for round two," he said of the food truck program.

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