

Good afternoon,

My name is Troy King, my address is 1512 Petunia Ave. I own Pollo - a gourmet chicken joint. I am speaking today in opposition to proposed ordinance O-374-18.

I'm here today to speak regarding the assertion that has been made that food trucks take up too much parking downtown. On October 15 the LFTA filed an Open Records Request for the records detailing how many food trucks parked per day at meters in 2018, via the meter reservation system. On October 18, we were informed that the ORR was too difficult to complete. On October 19 we modified our request for records to include only the third quarter of 2018, July, August and September. On October 26 at the end of the day, we received 162 pages of data comprised of invoices issued to each food truck who had requested meter bagging.

To understand meter usage, one needs to first understand how meters are priced. When a vehicle parks at a meter, the meter rate is \$2 per hour. However, food trucks paid \$15 per space per day until 2 pm in July and \$17 per space per day until 2 pm in August. Food trucks occupy a meter space from roughly 9 am until 2 pm and if paying the hourly rate would pay \$10 and opposed to the current food truck rate of \$17. Clearly food trucks are paying a premium rate for meter parking.

On examining the meter data we found:

1. Of the 73 licensed trucks, only 21 reserved meters in July. The total number of meters reserved throughout the entire month of July was 319. Food trucks paid \$4,687 for these meters.
 - a. Had a non-food truck vehicle occupied these meters from 7 am until 2 pm - the entire time period where vehicles must pay the meter, PARC would have collected \$4,466, or \$221 less than the amount paid by the food trucks for the same spaces.
 - b. However, assuming that each of these meters would have been occupied by a paying vehicle, again from 7 am until 2 pm, is not likely a valid assumption. The

meter space would have been occupied less than full time and PARC would have collected less than the full amount possible.

- c. In any event, food trucks are paying a premium for metered spaces.
 - d. The percentage of spaces reserved by food trucks compared to the number of metered spaces available in July amounted to 6.65%.
2. Of the 73 licensed trucks, only 19 reserved meters in August - 2 fewer trucks than reserved meters in July. The total number of meters reserved throughout the entire month of August was 342. Food trucks paid \$5,308 for these meters.
- a. Working with the same INvalid assumption as in the July example, had these meter spaces been fully occupied by non-food truck vehicles, PARC would have received \$4,788, or \$520 less than they received from the food trucks.
 - b. Again food trucks paid a premium for metered spaces in August.
 - c. The percentage of spaces reserved by food trucks compared to the number of metered spaces available amounted to 7.13% in August.
3. Of the 73 licensed trucks, only 16 reserved meters in September - 3 fewer than in August and 5 fewer than in July. The total number of meters reserved in September was 197. Food trucks paid \$3,349 for these meters.
- a. Continuing our INvalid assumption of fully occupied meter space from 7 am until 2 pm, PARC would have received \$2,758, or \$591 less than they received from the food trucks.
 - b. Food trucks continue to pay a premium for metered spaces.
 - c. The percentage of spaces reserved by food trucks compared to the number of metered spaces available in amounted to 4.1% in September.

Contrary to the glaring error reported in the Courier Journal on October 12, when food trucks park at a meter, they don't park free as reported, they don't pay the published meter rate for a vehicle,

but instead pay a premium for the convenience of not having to circle the block searching for an available space. This is a much more efficient way to get trucks where they need to be, reduces traffic congestion by getting trucks to their assigned spots quickly, reduces vehicle emissions from needless driving around, and lets consumers find trucks as trucks can notify their customers where they will be on any given day. It's a win-win-win for the city, for food trucks and for consumers.

The number of parking spaces occupied by food trucks is very small and as a percentage of available metered parking, amounts to 5.96% of the metered spaces over the span of a quarter - July, August and September combined.

If you perceive that Louisville has a parking problem, it's not the food trucks who cause it. If PARC does not have the staff to change the restricted parking signs on the meters, or can not reset the meters to show them as available after 2 pm when the food trucks leave the spaces, that is a PARC problem, not a food truck problem.

Virtually all large cities allow food trucks to vend from metered spaces, as long as fees are paid. Other commercial vehicles use metered spaces. A plumber or electrician may park in a space to have close access to tools; a UPS truck may park in a space to have quick and convenient access for a delivery; Louisville has proposed no restrictions on commercial vehicles parking at a metered space while conducting their business. There is no reason to single out food trucks to impose special burdens on them that are not shared by all commercial vehicles.

Additionally, singling out food trucks for special restrictions not shared by all commercial vehicles violates the Consent Decree which is binding on Louisville Metro.

This Ordinance needs to be withdrawn immediately.

Food Truck paid reserved meters
Third quarter 2018

	July			August			September			Third Quarter 2018		
	# meters	% of total meters	Cost	# meters	% of total meters	Cost	# meters	% of total meters	Cost	Total meters used	% of total meters	Total cost
All Thai'd Up	8	0.17%	\$120.00	22	0.46%	\$374.00	10	0.21%	\$170.00	40	0.28%	\$664.00
Asian Modern Nomands	15	0.31%	\$225.00	16	0.33%	\$240.00	8	0.17%	\$136.00	39	0.27%	\$601.00
Back Deck BBQ	12	0.25%	\$180.00	16	0.33%	\$272.00	6	0.13%	\$102.00	34	0.24%	\$554.00
Bellissimo	12	0.25%	\$180.00	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	12	0.08%	\$180.00
Germany #1	14	0.29%	\$210.00	13	0.27%	\$195.00	10	0.21%	\$170.00	37	0.26%	\$575.00
Black Rock Grille	22	0.46%	\$330.00	26	0.54%	\$406.00	18	0.38%	\$306.00	66	0.46%	\$1,042.00
BooBoo Smoke Shack	27	0.56%	\$405.00	39	0.81%	\$603.00	26	0.54%	\$442.00	92	0.64%	\$1,450.00
Boss Hog	11	0.23%	\$165.00	21	0.44%	\$317.00	18	0.38%	\$306.00	50	0.35%	\$788.00
Captain's Kitchen	9	0.19%	\$135.00	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	9	0.06%	\$135.00
Crave a Go Go	18	0.38%	\$270.00	26	0.54%	\$442.00	24	0.50%	\$408.00	68	0.47%	\$1,120.00
Dakshin	32	0.67%	\$480.00	36	0.75%	\$540.00	24	0.50%	\$408.00	92	0.64%	\$1,428.00
El Mambo	18	0.38%	\$225.00	15	0.31%	\$229.00	4	0.08%	\$68.00	37	0.26%	\$522.00
Get in Your Belly Deli	6	0.13%	\$90.00	6	0.13%	\$90.00	0	0.00%	0	12	0.08%	\$180.00
Grecian Mama	0	0.00%	0	12	0.25%	\$180.00	4	0.08%	\$68.00	16	0.11%	\$248.00
J. Gumbo's	13	0.27%	\$212.00	20	0.42%	\$288.00	0	0.00%	0	33	0.23%	\$500.00
LaChandeleur	21	0.44%	\$315.00	11	0.23%	\$165.00	13	0.27%	\$221.00	45	0.31%	\$701.00
Louisville Sushi Truck	14	0.29%	\$140.00	18	0.38%	\$270.00	12	0.25%	\$204.00	44	0.31%	\$614.00
Pop's Roadside	11	0.23%	\$165.00	12	0.25%	\$180.00	0	0.48%	0	23	0.16%	\$345.00
SmokN Cantina	3	0.06%	\$45.00	1	0.02%	\$17.00	3	0.06%	\$51.00	7	0.05%	\$113.00
Taste of Texas	16	0.33%	\$240.00	14	0.29%	\$230.00	2	0.04%	\$34.00	32	0.22%	\$504.00
The Celtic Pig	22	0.46%	\$330.00	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	22	0.15%	\$330.00
The Traveling Kitchen	15	0.31%	\$225.00	18	0.38%	\$270.00	15	0.31%	\$255.00	48	0.33%	\$750.00
Totals	319	6.65%	\$4,687.00	342	7.13%	\$5,308.00	197	4.10%	\$3,349.00	858	5.96%	\$13,344.00