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## Food truck plan headed to city council

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Food trucks will be coming to town if the Keizer City Council approves a recommendation that passed the city's planning commission last week.

Commissioners engaged in a marathon three-hour meeting Wednesday, June 8, that included discussion of issues related to permitting, signage, hours of operation, and what would constitute a "pod," or cluster of food trucks, which triggers another set of

regulations.

"This is the kind of use that can create a lot of problems. But I think what we are going to pass is good stuff, and we're not taking too much of a mother-may-I giant step that would get us into trouble," said Commissioner Jim Jacks.

Before taking affect, the Keizer City Council will need to approve the

recommendation – and hold a public hearing – which may not happen until late July or August, said City Attorney Shannon Johnson.

Currently, a mobile food vendor can only operate in the city for up to a 90 days in any one year period.

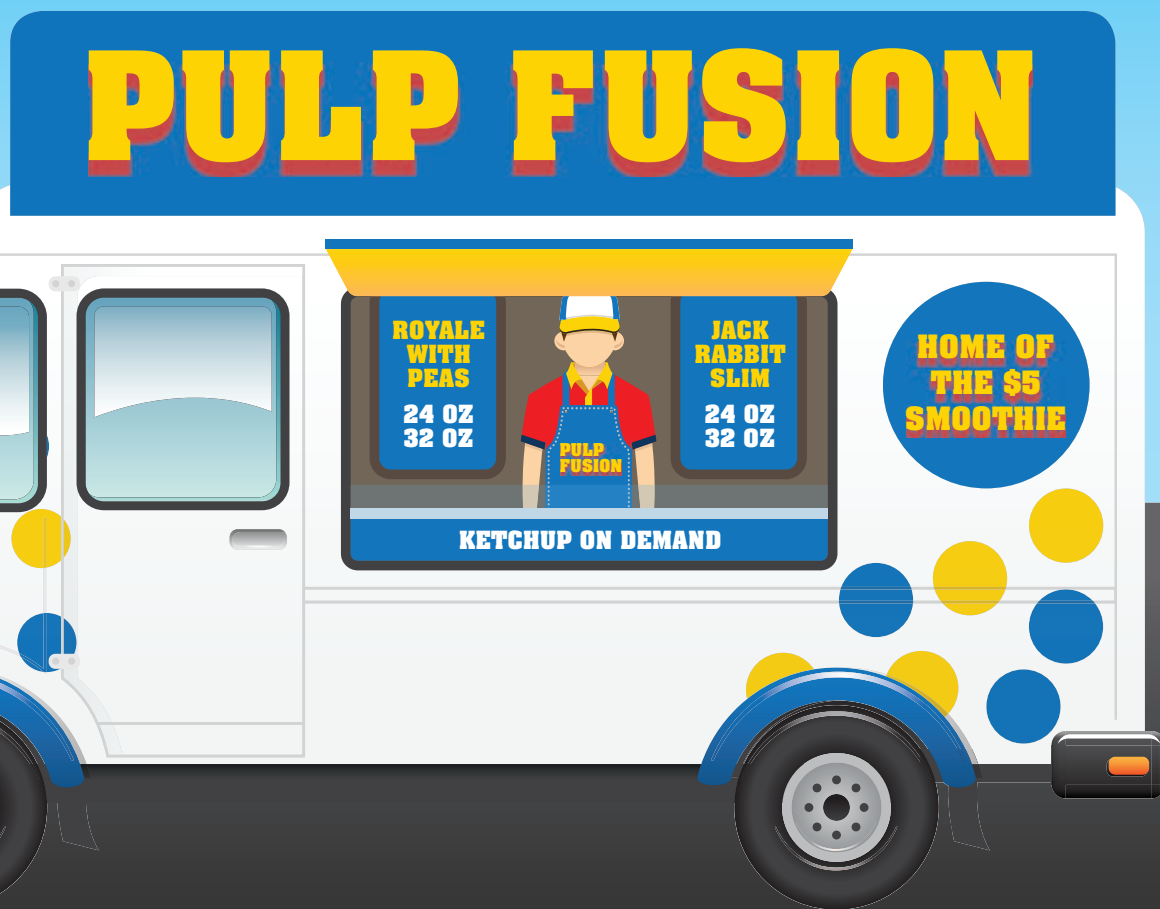
Commissioners were able to clear up some matters speedily. They agreed with city staff recommendations that:

any non-permanent truck, van, or trailer that has been outfitted to to prepare and serve food would be considered a "mobile food vendor;" vendors would be issued annual permits without any limits on the number of days of operation; vendors must operate on hard-surface areas that meet off-street parking requirements; the

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### Food truck facts

Pending Keizer City Council approval in the coming months, food trucks will be able to operate in city limits. Vendors will be limited to properties zoned for commercial mixed use – primarily River Road North and Cherry Avenue Northeast.



A group of more than two trucks is called a...



pod

### pod requirements

Any time more than two vendors set down stakes on a single piece of property, it will become known as a pod.

In addition to all the standard requirements for operation, pods must have a covered dining area that can withstand the elements.

Dining structures will need to adhere to all applicable building codes, e.g. no pole barns.

### Signs of the Times

Signage was the hottest topic of the planning commissioners' debates before voting on the food truck proposal.

Under the proposal, vendors may have unlimited signage on their trucks, and will be permitted to have a sandwich-board sign up during hours of operation. The code is slightly different for brick-and-mortars.

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## Big goals on the board at McNary

By TIM HAYS  
Of the Keizertimes

A world class high school. That is the goal for McNary Principal Erik Jespersen.

Where does he plan to begin? Well, he's already started.

With support of the McNary Athletic Booster Club, the turf football field was completed last fall and Jespersen is back at it again.

With the summer approaching quick, he is getting started as soon as possible with the makeover of the high school gym, and plans include more than just the floor.

"We are going to be painting the walls and really brightening up the

place," Jespersen said. "It is going to be a world class gymnasium."

Another athletic development that is important to Jespersen are the softball dugouts. Alongside the booster club, Jespersen hopes to begin building the new softball dugouts in the spring of 2017.

It wouldn't be world class without an academic pursuit of excellence.

For the upcoming fall, Nike has agreed to grant McNary with a \$20,000 sponsorship. With that grant, Jespersen and his staff are currently working with a company to remake the space of the College and Career Center.

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E. Jespersen

### What makes a world class high school?

McNary High School Principal Erik Jespersen is setting high standards for the Celtic students, faculty and staff. This is his six-point goal list:

1. We will strive to outperform all others in academic, athletic, and extra-curricular opportunities and experiences for our students.
2. We will focus on improving our professional practices and seek new ways to innovate.
3. We will invest in our staff and provide a great working environment.
4. We will forge great partnerships with the community of Keizer.
5. We will build on the strengths of others and promote talent upward within our building and school district.
6. We will celebrate our successes together and own our deficits together as a team.

## Cow pasture redo hits city council agenda

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The Keizer City Council will be taking another look at potential plans for the Herber family, aka the cow pasture, at its meeting Monday, June 20.

The site is located between Chemawa Road Northeast and Dearborn Avenue Northeast on the west side of Verda Lane Northeast.

Councilors unanimously rejected a proposal that called for converting the land into three-story apartment complexes with 120 units in October 2015. The need for single family residences, impacts on nearby residences and transportation impacts were all cited as grounds for the denial.

The new proposal calls for 112 apartment units in complexes that will look

like two-story, single-family residences from Verda Lane Northeast. The units will look like traditional apartments when viewed from Claggett Creek Park.

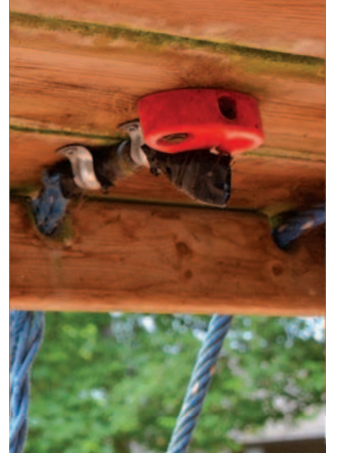
"The reduction in the number of units, together with the redesign of the exterior of the buildings do not suggest there are even 112 units in the project," suggests a letter to the city prepared by attorney Wallace Lien on behalf of the owners, Herber Farm, LLC.

Allowing apartments on the site would require a change in zoning from the current low density residential to medium high density residential. Under the current zoning, up to 60 single family units could be constructed on the 7.5-acre site.

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