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BEAVERTON HOLDS MAYOR'S DEVELOPER ROUNDTABLE ON FOOD CART PODS

BEAVERTON, Ore. – The City of Beaverton will hold a Mayor's Developer Roundtable on Tuesday, April 26, from 7:30 to 9 a.m. in the council chambers of The Beaverton Building, 12725 SW Millikan Way. This month's topic is focused on establishing food cart pods in Beaverton.

Food cart owners, food cart pod managers, and property owners within Beaverton's urban renewal district are encouraged to learn more about food cart pods and what the city is doing to assist in the process. A panel of experts, including current pod and cart owners, will discuss their experiences opening and managing food cart pods. Attendees will also learn about requirements to open a pod in Beaverton, and get information on the upcoming food cart pod competition.

People have shared through surveys and other outreach that they would like more food carts in Beaverton. A recent feasibility study found that Beaverton residents, employees, and entrepreneurs are seeking more diverse and local food options within Beaverton's business districts, especially downtown. In 2015, the city updated its development code to allow food cart pods, and is now looking to assist entrepreneurs interested in locating in Beaverton.

The Mayor's Developer Roundtable series provides a venue for discussing opportunities, sharing citywide news, and obtaining feedback from city customers and partners.

RSVPs are required for the roundtable. To RSVP, contact Kelly Perkins at kperkins@BeavertonOregon.gov. To learn more about the program, visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov/Incentives, or contact Janiene Lambert, senior development project manager, at jlambert@BeavertonOregon.gov or 503-526-2545.

ABOUT BEAVERTON

Beaverton is a welcoming and responsible city that enjoys one of the most diverse populations in Oregon. In 2015, Beaverton was recognized as one of the **safest cities** in the Pacific Northwest (according to CQ Press with cities more than 75,000). Recently, the city's award-winning finance department received the **Distinguished Budget Presentation Award** as well as the **Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting**. In 2012, the city was awarded the **Mayors' Climate Protection Award** from the U.S. Conference of Mayors. It was named one of the **best places to raise kids** by *BusinessWeek* magazine. The city was named **one of the top 25 Suburbs for Retirement** by *Forbes.com* and **one of the 100 Best Walking Cities in America** by *Prevention* magazine. The city also

received the **Recycler of the Year** award from the Association of Oregon Recyclers, named a **Tree City USA** by the Arbor Day Foundation, received a **Silver Award Bicycle Friendly Community** designation by the League of American Bicyclists, and recognized as one of the Environmental Protection Agency's **Green Power Communities**. Lastly, the city's nationally acclaimed visioning program was named **Public Involvement Project of the Year—Best Planning Project** by the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) Cascade Chapter and also received the prestigious **3CMA Award of Excellence**.

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