



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL
October 21, 2019

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX
COUNCILLOR KELLEY
COUNCILLOR CARLONE
COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: [New commercial services such as Yoshi and Filld are offering on-demand fueling through mobile apps](https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.washingtonpost.com%2Ftechnology%2F2018%2F08%2F10%2Fstart-up-that-wants-make-sure-you-never-have-go-gas-station-again%2F&data=02%7C01%7Cnstephen%40cambridgema.gov%7C1d70e81b10dc4de47fd008d75312f860%7Cc06a8be784794d73b35193bc9ba8295c%7C0%7C0%7C637069213243023552&sdata=tIpR7yJ1v8opN5Xot7CWOiwNa8kC2ORsERBY29HFuOI%3D&reserved=0) [for vehicle owners to get their gas tanks filled at home or at their office instead of at service stations; and](https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.washingtonpost.com%2Ftechnology%2F2018%2F08%2F10%2Fstart-up-that-wants-make-sure-you-never-have-go-gas-station-again%2F&data=02%7C01%7Cnstephen%40cambridgema.gov%7C1d70e81b10dc4de47fd008d75312f860%7Cc06a8be784794d73b35193bc9ba8295c%7C0%7C0%7C637069213243023552&sdata=tIpR7yJ1v8opN5Xot7CWOiwNa8kC2ORsERBY29HFuOI%3D&reserved=0)

WHEREAS: On-demand mobile fueling has been [controversial with fire marshals in other cities including Seattle](https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.geekwire.com%2F2018%2Ffilld-shut-mobile-fueling-seattle-wrestles-fire-marshals-across-country%2F&data=02%7C01%7Cnstephen%40cambridgema.gov%7C1d70e81b10dc4de47fd008d75312f860%7Cc06a8be784794d73b35193bc9ba8295c%7C0%7C0%7C637069213243033494&sdata=MtLBphOeaEToq1psyGA6CvciF9ps54FhduFoVLEVIh8%3D&reserved=0) [, and one of the services \(Yoshi\) was issued a cease and desist order by the Mass State Fire Marshal in 2018; and](https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.geekwire.com%2F2018%2Ffilld-shut-mobile-fueling-seattle-wrestles-fire-marshals-across-country%2F&data=02%7C01%7Cnstephen%40cambridgema.gov%7C1d70e81b10dc4de47fd008d75312f860%7Cc06a8be784794d73b35193bc9ba8295c%7C0%7C0%7C637069213243033494&sdata=MtLBphOeaEToq1psyGA6CvciF9ps54FhduFoVLEVIh8%3D&reserved=0)

WHEREAS: Recently the state fire marshal board voted to adopt provisions from 2018 NFPA 1 for mobile fueling; and

WHEREAS: The State Fire Marshal announced in under 527 CMR 1:00-42.10 that in addition to complying with the code, mobile fueling companies must obtain general approval from the State Fire Marshal's Office and then apply to each jurisdiction where they intend to operate in order to create consistency and to streamline the approval process for businesses; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Fire Department and its Fire Prevention Bureau could potentially receive an application from one of these mobile fueling services; and

WHEREAS: Making it more convenient for car owners to fill up their tanks invites trucks carrying flammables into residential and other areas, where fuel could spill, posing a health and fire hazard; and

WHEREAS: Many car owners do not have off-street parking and might want to have their cars filled while parked on the street or in public garages, raising additional curb management conflicts and safety concerns; and

WHEREAS: There is no compelling public interest in allowing such a service to operate in a city whose climate action goals are to decarbonize the transportation sector by encouraging the use of sustainable mobility options; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in opposition to permitting on-demand mobile fueling services to operate in Cambridge; and be it further

ORDERED: That the attached proposed zoning amendments to Articles 2.00 and 4.32 of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance be referred to the Ordinance Committee and the Planning Board for a hearing and report; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Law Department to review the proposed language and if applicable, provide any legal opinion or response at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled hearing.

In City Council October 21, 2019.

Adopted by

Attest:- Anthony I. Wilson, City Clerk

A true copy;

ATTEST:-



Anthony I. Wilson, City Clerk

