
**CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (COW)
New Item for Review and Consideration**

Meeting Date: 02/19/2015
Agenda Item: 3B3

Issue Description: Food Tax.

Presented by: Councilmember Kolby Granville.

Background Information: In fiscal year 2013, the sales tax on food for home consumption (groceries) was \$5.7 million. Councilmember Granville would like to meet with stakeholders and staff and investigate a way to eliminate the tax on food in a way that is cost neutral to City revenue.

Anticipated Timeframe and Staff Resources: Community Development and Legal. Total combined time, 4-6 hours.

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- 1. ensuring long-term financial stability through quality economic development*
- 2. maintaining high quality of life through safe and vibrant communities*
- 3. creating an atmosphere of fun through innovative programs and special events*