Food Trucks Versus Bricks And Mortar Restaurants: Durham Latest City To Face Backlash Over Regulation

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DURHAM, (AP) — Some Durham food truck owners and fans have been left sour tastes in their mouths after the city council considered restrictions on the mobile eateries.

The Durham City Council chamber was overflowing Monday night while council members reviewed tightening rules for food trucks. The city is home to one of the state's largest food truck communities and other cities such as Raleigh and Chapel Hill are moving toward loosening their rules. The restrictions include banning food trucks from setting up on public property within 50 feet of a restaurant, requiring a 300-foot buffer for downtown areas and limiting the food trucks to one parking space. The Durham Alliance for Food Innovation and Entrepreneurship opposed many of the changes. City staff members don't expect a vote until the fall.