

Food Access Policy

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Safe & Healthy City

“Expand access to healthy, affordable food by prioritizing grocery stores or markets as essential components of neighborhoods”



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Health Statistics

In Las Vegas...

- 23.1% of adults are obese
- 11.6% of children are obese

Costs of Obesity:

- \$147 billion in medical costs resulting from obesity (\$1,429 per person greater than patients of normal weight)



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Access to Healthy Foods

- Poor dietary choices contribute to obesity
- Only 6.2% of youth consume the recommended servings of fruits and vegetables
- Access to healthy foods is a priority for obesity prevention and control



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Purpose

Remove barriers to healthy food access:

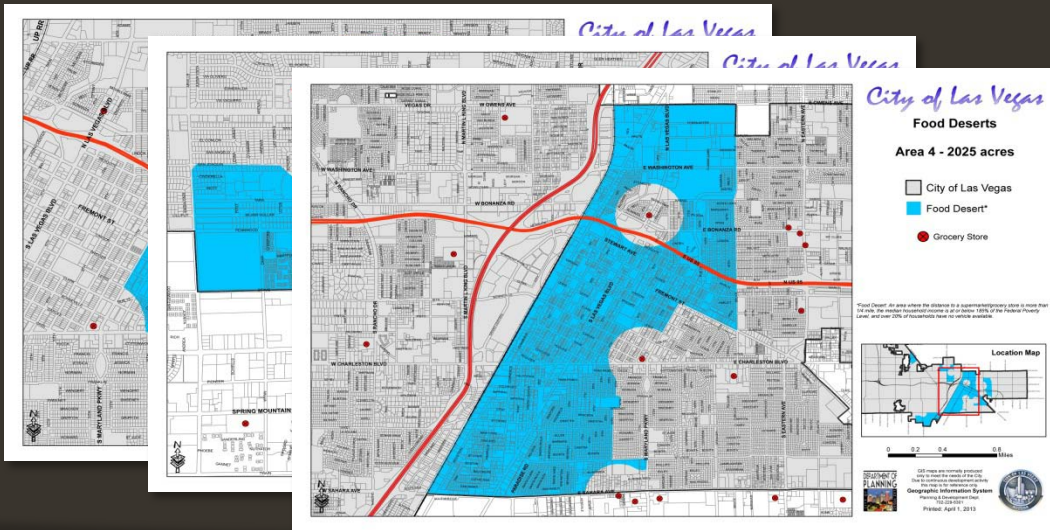
- Identify “food deserts”
- Encourage grocery stores in underserved areas
- Encourage farmers’ markets
- Adopt Food Access Policy Guide to direct future efforts



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Food Desert

- Definition: Areas that lack access to healthy food choices
- 5 areas identified



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