

**From:** Renee Johnson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 25, 2026 10:04 AM  
**To:** City Council <citycouncil@cityofsebastopol.gov>  
**Subject:** A&M BBQ

Dear Council Members,

Pushing A&M out would be a travesty.

A&M is a small, family-owned business located in a commercial area of Sebastopol. This is exactly the kind of locally owned business the City says it wants to support. Yet now the City is considering actions that could force them to shut down. That contradicts the values and vision the City continually promotes for Sebastopol's future.

The City has restricted new chain businesses in an effort to preserve Sebastopol's unique local character. Supporting independent businesses like A&M BBQ should therefore be a priority, not something undermined by the actions of a handful of people or enforcement actions.

A&M contributes to the local economy and community, reflects the character of our community, and represents the kind of entrepreneurship that keeps Sebastopol vibrant and distinct. Pushing them out sends the wrong message to other small business owners who are trying to survive and invest in this town.

I urge you to reconsider this course of action and work toward a solution that allows A&M to remain part of our community.

Sincerely,

Richard & Renee Johnson  
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