

From: Tom Ludovise [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2026 1:57 PM  
To: City Council <citycouncil@cityofsebastopol.gov>  
Subject: Support for A&M BBQ

Dear Sebastopol City Council Members,

I would like to express my support for A&M BBQ as they work with the City to comply with zoning and operational standards.

Specifically concerning the complaints about particulate emissions, our Senior Building Inspector Steve Brown has noted that "...we have six years of records going back where every morning for the last six years there's been a spike at 5 am basically. Well, A&M BBQ has only been in business for two years. We think it's diesel trucks going by early in the morning that's causing the majority of the particulates." Additionally, the Bay Area Regional Air Quality Board has stated that the numbers in [the area adjacent to A&M] don't actually violate air quality standards.

Also, it shouldn't be overlooked that the long backups of both morning and afternoon rush hour traffic are no doubt contributing to the particulate matter in the adjacent neighborhoods.

Please work to give this valuable family business the time to reduce their smoke emissions, whether it's by installing filters on the smokers and/or locating another suitable location in Sebastopol. They are a wonderful family who has been involved with the community in many ways and deserve a chance to continue their very popular food services.

Thank you for considering the value that A&M BBQ contributes to our town.

Sincerely,

Tom Ludovise  
Sebastopol