

ORDINANCE 2025-11-10

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GORDONSVILLE ZONING ORDINANCE TO ADD FOOD TRUCK REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, the Town of Gordonsville has recognized the growing interest in mobile food vendors in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen aim to address regulations and permitting in order to maintain the health, safety and welfare of our citizens.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF GORDONSVILLE, TENNESSEE, AS FOLLOWS:

1.13.3 General Terms

Mobile Food Vendor — Unless covered by a more specific definition (or land use activity or temporary use listing), a vehicle, cart, and/or mobile stand from which edible food products are cooked, prepared or assembled with the intent to sell such items to the general public, provided further that food trucks may also sell other edible food products and beverages that have been prepared or assembled elsewhere.

Mobile Food Vendor Permit - A permit issued by the Town for the operation of a mobile food service vehicle. Food trucks may be exempted from requiring a permit to operate when attending a permitted special event.

2.1.1. DISTRICT STANDARDS ESTABLISHED

The following standards shall apply to all zoning districts within the Town:

G. Mobile Food Vendor

1. It is a violation for any Mobile Food Vendor to operate within the Town except as herein provided. In addition to general penalties under the Town Code, any Mobile Food Vendor found operating in violation of this Ordinance shall immediately stop servicing customers until such violation is remedied. A failure to comply after receiving notice of a violation will be grounds for the Town to obtain an injunction or other available relief to prevent the Mobile Food Vendor from operating within the Town and the Town will revoke any permits issued to the Mobile Food Vendor and/or owner of the Mobile Food Vendor.
2. A Mobile Food Vendor must comply with all federal, state, and local health, business, licensing, and tax laws.
3. A Mobile Food Vendor must obtain a permit prior to operating in the Town of Gordonsville. A permit will be required regardless if you own a brick and mortar location. There is a \$200 fee for a permit. Permits shall run for the calendar year, from

January 1 to December 31. Permits are not transferrable. In order to obtain a Mobile Food Vendor permit, the Owner must complete an application form provided by the Town, which will include at least the following information:

- a) Name and address of the owner of the vehicle.
- b) Name and address of the operator of the vehicle.
- c) A copy of a valid driver's license.
- d) A copy of the state or county health department license or permit applicable to mobile food providers.
- e) A certificate of insurance coverage, including required motor vehicle insurance coverage.
- f) Any additional information required by the permit administrator.

4. General Regulations

- a) A Mobile Food Vendor may operate on private property for private events, including a residential area. To operate in a public location the Mobile Food Vendor must have the express written consent of the Town, which shall state the dates, location, and hours for which the Mobile Food Vendor may operate.
- b) No Mobile Food Vendors may remain parked overnight at any location the Mobile Food Vendor operates without written permission from the Town unless the vendor owns the property.
- c) With the exception of a sandwich board located within 2 feet of the Mobile Food Vendor, with two sign faces that are no larger than 8 square feet per sign face, signage for the Mobile Food Vendor shall be attached to the vehicle, stand, and/or cart associated with the operation of the Mobile Food Vendor.
- d) A Mobile Food Vendor shall not be parked in a way to block any entrances/exits, drive throughs, fire lanes, designated traffic lanes, and/or more than 4 lined parking spots, if applicable.
- e) A Mobile Food Vendor shall not block any portion of any sidewalk, whether through signage, canopies, awnings and/or seating.
- f) A Mobile Food Vendor shall not be parked so as to create a line of sight hazard, meaning impeding a pedestrian or vehicle's ability see other traffic hazards.
- g) A Mobile Food Vendor is responsible for ensuring that the site, within a 50' radius of the Mobile Food Vendor, remains free of debris/trash. A trash receptacle shall be provided for consumers and shall be regularly emptied.

- h) A Mobile Food Vendor is responsible for providing napkins, cutlery, and similar items to customers.
- i) Every Mobile Food Vendor must have insurance adequate to cover the limits of the Town.
- j) No Mobile Food Vendor may operate their vehicle, cart, or stand, or create any other sounds, that violate the Town's noise ordinances or that otherwise constitute a nuisance.
- k) All Mobile Food Vendors must comply with the Town's stormwater regulations regarding discharges into public sewers.
- l) Absent permission of the property owner, no Mobile Food Vendor may utilize any sanitation facilities or electrical connections not owned by the Mobile Food Vendor.

The Mayor retains discretion to carry out administrative functions related to the enforcement of this Ordinance, including any exceptions that may be granted to any location requirements when in the interest of the public health, safety and specific to condition.

This ordinance shall become effective after its passage and adoption, the public welfare demanding it.

Approved by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen

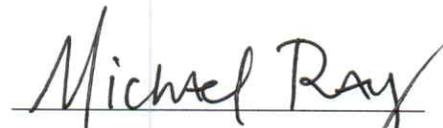
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Mayor



City Recorder