

TOWN COUNCIL

STAFF REPORT

Growth Management Department



MEETING DATE:	November 12, 2024
PROJECT:	Consideration of Amendments to Code of Ordinances, Town of Bluffton, Chapter 6, Businesses and Business Regulations, Article III, Soliciting, Section 6-78, Approvals, fees and taxes, Section 6-83 Fire Safety, Section 6-84 Violations and Penalties;
PROJECT MANAGER:	Kevin Icard, AICP Director of Growth Management

REQUEST: Town Council approve the proposed amendments to Code of Ordinances, Town of Bluffton, Chapter 6, Businesses and Business Regulations, Article III, Soliciting, Section 6-78, Approvals, fees and taxes, Section 6-83 Fire Safety, Section 6-84 Violations and Penalties;

BACKGROUND: In 2017, the Town of Bluffton adopted mobile vending requirements in Chapter 6 – Businesses and Business Regulations, Article III – Soliciting and Mobile Vending. The Ordinance was enacted to regulate allowed locations, hours of operation, permitting processes and other miscellaneous issues for mobile vendors (food trucks) in Bluffton.

In 2021, the Town amended its Business License Ordinance as required by the State of South Carolina per Act 176 that became effective January 1, 2022. One item of the Act was requiring all business licenses have an annual license beginning on May 1st of each year. [Soliciting and Mobile Vending Ordinance](#)

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS: Attachment 2 outlines the proposed amendments related to aligning the mobile vending permit with the business license calendar, updating South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) to Department of Agriculture, amending the fire safety requirements and adding including a section to regulate violations and penalties.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Presentation
2. Chapter 6 Article III Proposed Ordinance and Edits Redline
3. Mobile Vending Permit Matrix
4. Recommended Motion