



Consideration and Direction of Amendments to the Town of Bluffton Code of Ordinances Chapter 6 Businesses and Business Regulations Article III – Soliciting and Mobile Vending – First Reading

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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



Proposed amendments related to aligning the mobile vending permit with the following.

- 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.[nd](#)

[Mobile Vending Ordinance](#)

Mobile Vending Ordinance



Mobile Vending Ordinance Amendments	Date	Complete
Step 1. Town Council – Workshop	October 8, 2024	✓
Step 2. Town Council – 1 st Reading	November 12, 2024	✓
Step 3. Town Council – 2 nd and Final Reading	December 10, 2024	✓



QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

Suggested Motion



Consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Town of Bluffton Code of Ordinances, Chapter 6, Businesses and Business Regulations, Article III, Soliciting and Mobile Vending. – First Reading

“I make a motion to approve the Ordinance Amending the Town of Bluffton Code of Ordinances, Chapter 6, Businesses and Business Regulations, Article III, Soliciting and Mobile Vending as presented.”

Mobile Vending Ordinance