



On June 8, 2022 City Council informally provided direction to the City Administrator to provide points of discussion on the current food truck ordinance.

What is the code now, main points:

Fees for daily, weekly, monthly and annually occur.

Food Truck Permit	One Day	\$25.00
	One Week	\$50.00
	One Month	\$100.00
	One Year	\$250.00
Food Truck Electricity	Per Occurrence	\$20.00

Trucks cannot park 150 feet from a business who primary sales are food.

- What problem were we solving?
 - Food trucks do not pay property taxes, so for them to utilize all of the infrastructure of the downtown or anywhere in town they have a major advantage to brick and mortar.
- What is actually happening?
 - The current permit restricts food trucks from coming into town and hinders one of our most famous local vendors.
 - The city is catching vendors online and asking for payment after the fact
 - Food trucks are sometimes a gateway into brick and mortar and the current code is restricting this use
- What should the city consider?
 - The city council should scrap the distance requirement and lower the fees.

Other cities in the area:

- Independence
 - No permit no code
- Manchester
 - Under transient merchant code
 - Fees
 - Annual \$150
 - 6 Month \$100
 - Per Week \$25
 - Per Day \$10
 - Brand new for Manchester
- Decorah
 - Permit required
 - \$10 a day
- Charles City
 - Mobile Food Vendor Permit Required



- Annual \$250
 - Month \$100
 - Week \$50
 - Per Day \$25
- Vinton
 - Permit Required
 - Per day \$25

The city council can take staff recommendations and change the city code or go out and work on public input from businesses and residents. Staff are ready to take direction from the city council.