

**TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
WARREN COUNTY**

ORDINANCE 2023-18

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE
OF NEW JERSEY PERMITTED THE LICENSING OF FOOD TRUCKS WITHIN THE
TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, The Township of Mansfield wishes to permit and regulate food trucks within the bounds of the Township in order to ensure they are safe and organized.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the Township Ordinance shall include:

SECTION 1

Purpose:

The Township Committee do hereby deem it necessary for the full protection of the health and safety of the Township that the licensing of mobile food vendor and/or vehicles be restricted in the Township of Mansfield.

SECTION 2

Definitions

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

Mobile Food Vendor

Any automobile, truck or motor-powered vehicle engaged in the business of selling cooked or prepared food to persons.

Mobile Food Vendor Licensee

Any license issued under this chapter for either a mobile food truck or a vehicular vehicle.

Vehicular Vehicles

Any and all other types of vehicles engaged in the selling of cooked or prepared foods.

SECTION 3

License Required

No mobile food vendor or other vehicle engaged in the business of selling cooked or prepared foods in the Township shall operate within the Township without first having obtained a license to do so. Such license shall be issued by the Township Clerk as of January 1 of each year and to expire December 31 of the year in which it was issued unless sooner revoked by the Township Committee and shall be good as to only one vehicle. The license fee shall be set at twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

SECTION 4

Form of Application

All applications for the issuance or renewal of a license shall be made to the Township Clerk on the official forms designed to elicit information respecting the vehicle to be so used and the identification, responsibility, and law-abiding habits of the owner of the vehicle.

SECTION 5

Application Verified; Insurance

Each applicant for a license shall supply the information requested on the application in full and verify its correctness and file the completed application with the Office of the Township Clerk together with the full amount of the fees as hereinafter set forth. In addition, the applicant shall submit a drawing of the proposed location(s) of the food truck; a Zoning Application if the mobile food vendor operates in one location for more than 48 hours; a signed letter of approval by the current property owner; the applicant shall be fingerprinted by a Township approved facility; the applicant shall exhibit public liability insurance to the Township Clerk covering the vehicle to be licensed and for the term of the license applied for; the applicant shall submit proof of approvals and/or inspections from the Warren County Board of Health and the Township Fire Official.

SECTION 6

License Fee

The annual fee for a mobile vendor license issued or renewed shall be yearly for each year or portion thereof, and such licenses shall be under the charge and control of the applicant applying therefor, and the applicant shall be responsible for the operation of the vehicle so licensed for the term of the license applied for. The annual fee shall be set at twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

SECTION 7

Regulations Covering Parking

- A. No person shall stop, stand or park for the purpose of selling cooked or prepared foods in a public place or prohibited area within the Township unless authorized by the Township for a special or seasonal event. Mobile food restaurants shall provide written consent of the property owner/s submitted at the time of the application.
- B. The licensee shall see to it that all premises used by the vehicle shall be left in a clean and orderly state and that no waste or garbage from its operation be deposited or left remaining on any property or street located within the Township.

SECTION 8

Revocation of License

The Township Committee, or its designee, may in its discretion refuse to issue or renew or may after notice and hearing revoke or suspend any license if the applicant has been convicted of a crime in this or any other jurisdiction, or convicted of being a disorderly person or of a violation of Title 39, Motor Vehicles and Traffic Regulations of the Revised Statutes of New Jersey, or who has been dishonorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States of America, or who violates provision of this Chapter, or who has any judgement unsatisfied against him arising out of an automobile accident, or who is an alien citizen of any nation between whom and the United States of America a state of war exists or who has made false answers in the

application for such license, or renewal thereof, or who has not fully complied with all the requirements of this chapter, or if the vehicle licensed or to be licensed by any reason of unsafe or unsanitary conditions is dangerous to the health and safety of the people, or if the policy of insurance required to be exhibited under the terms of this chapter is not in full effect and force during the licensed period or the applicant has failed to comply with any and all other laws of this Municipality, County or State.

SECTION 9

Display of License

Each vehicle licensed under the terms of this chapter shall have displayed in a conspicuous place fully visible to the public the license issued.

SECTION 10

Approval by Township Committee

Upon approval by the Township Committee by resolution, the Township Clerk shall issue and sign the license in the official form.

SECTION 11

Prohibited Areas:

Mobile food vendors are prohibited in all commercial and retail zones.

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Mansfield Township Committee, County of Warren, State of New Jersey held on June 14, 2023. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body to be held in the Township Committee Meeting Room, in the Mansfield Township Municipal Building, 100 Port Murray Road, in the Township of Mansfield on July 12, 2023 at which time and place all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said Ordinance and during the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of said ordinance will be made available at the Township Clerk's Office to the members of the general public who shall request the same.


 Illena Raffaele, Township Deputy Clerk

INTRODUCED/PASSED ON FIRST READING: *July 12, 2023*

Roll Call Vote

COMMITTEE MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Farino	✓			
Mr. Hayes				✓
Mr. McGuinness	✓			
Mrs. Mora Dillon	✓			
Mayor Watters	✓			

PUBLISHED: August 3, 2023

ADOPTED: July 26, 2023

Roll Call Vote

COMMITTEE MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Farino	✓			
Mr. Hayes	✓			
Mr. McGuinness	✓			
Mrs. Mora Dillon				✓
Mayor Watters	✓			

ATTEST:

Illena Raffaele

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Township Deputy Clerk

Joseph Watters

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Mayor