

ORDINANCE NO. __11__

CITY OF BULL SHOALS, ARKANSAS

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING BUSINESS LICENSE REQUIREMENTS FOR
FOOD TRUCKS OPERATING WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF BULL SHOALS,
ARKANSAS, AND REGULATING FOOD TRUCK OPERATIONS**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BULL SHOALS,
ARKANSAS, AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish reasonable requirements for food trucks conducting business within the City of Bull Shoals, Arkansas, to ensure proper business licensing, orderly operation, public safety, and the protection of commercial and residential neighborhoods from excessive noise and disturbances.

SECTION 2. Food Truck License Required

Any food truck, mobile food vendor, or mobile food service business conducting business within the corporate limits of the City of Bull Shoals, Arkansas, shall be required to obtain a valid license from the City of Bull Shoals prior to conducting business within the city.

- The business license shall be issued through City Hall.
- The business license may be issued as either an annual food truck business license or a temporary food truck license as provided in this ordinance.
- The food truck operator shall maintain a valid license for the entire period during which the business operates within the city limits.
- The license requirement shall apply regardless of whether the food truck operates at a public event, private event, special event, community gathering, commercial location, or residential location within the city limits, subject to applicable exemptions under law.

SECTION 3. Food Trucks Operating at Commercial and Residential Property

When a food truck operates on private property for a private event, business function, community gathering, promotional event, or other authorized activity on residential or commercial property, the following requirements shall apply:

- 1. Placement Away From Neighboring Homes. The food truck shall be positioned at the location approved by the City and, to the extent reasonably practicable, shall be parked as far away from neighboring residences as the property and site conditions allow, while maintaining safe access and complying with applicable parking and traffic requirements.
- 2. Electrical Connection. The food truck shall be connected to an available electrical outlet when a suitable and safe electrical connection is available and authorized for use.

- 3. Generator Use. If an electrical outlet is unavailable or cannot safely support the food truck's operations, the food truck may use a quiet generator that complies with applicable noise regulations and does not create an unreasonable disturbance to neighboring residents.
- 4. Noise and Disturbances. Food truck operators shall take reasonable steps to minimize noise, odors, lighting impacts, and other disturbances to neighboring residences.
- 5. Safety and Access. Food trucks shall not block driveways, fire lanes, public rights-of-way, emergency access routes, or otherwise interfere with the safe movement of pedestrians or vehicles.

SECTION 4. State and Other Required Permits

All food trucks operating within the City of Bull Shoals shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations.

Food truck operators shall obtain and maintain all required permits, licenses, inspections, and approvals, including any food establishment permits required by the Arkansas Department of Health.

The City business license required by this ordinance shall not replace any state-required food service permit, health permit, inspection requirement, or other legally required authorization.

Nothing in this ordinance shall exempt any person, organization, property owner, event organizer, or food truck operator from complying with any other permit, license, approval, or authorization otherwise required by the City of Bull Shoals for festivals, special events, public gatherings, use of public property, street closures, or similar activities.

SECTION 5. Application and License Requirements

All applications for food truck licenses under this ordinance shall be submitted to City Hall in the manner prescribed by the City.

(A) Annual Food Truck Business License. An annual food truck business license may be obtained for a fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) and shall be valid through December 31 of the year in which it is issued.

(B) Temporary Food Truck License. A temporary food truck license may be obtained for a fee of fifteen dollars (\$5.00) and shall authorize operation for a specific event or for a period not exceeding three (3) consecutive days.

A food truck operator holding a valid annual food truck business license shall not be required to obtain a temporary food truck license for individual events occurring during the term of the annual license.

The City Council may amend license fees from time to time by resolution or other lawful action.

The City may deny, suspend, or revoke a license for failure to comply with this ordinance or other applicable laws, subject to applicable procedural and legal requirements.

SECTION 6. Enforcement and Penalties

Any food truck operating within the City of Bull Shoals without a valid annual food truck business license or temporary food truck license, or in violation of this ordinance, shall be subject to enforcement action as authorized by applicable law.

Penalties, fines, and other enforcement measures shall be established and imposed in accordance with applicable Arkansas law and City ordinances.

SECTION 7. Severability

If any provision of this ordinance is held invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. Effective Date

This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval as provided in Section 9 of this Ordinance.

SECTION 9. Emergency Clause

The City Council of the City of Bull Shoals, Arkansas, finds that the immediate establishment of reasonable regulations governing food truck operations is necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare; to provide clear licensing requirements for mobile food vendors operating within the City; and to ensure orderly business operations and consistent enforcement of municipal regulations.

Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

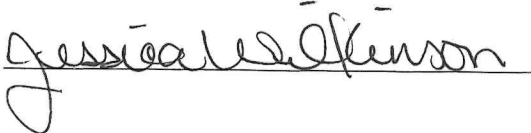
PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Bull Shoals, Arkansas, this
24 day of September, 2026.

APPROVED:



Travis Fancher, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jessica Wilkinson, City Recorder

CERTIFICATION OF COUNCIL VOTE

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Abstaining: 1

Absent: _____