

**VERNAL
ORDINANCE 2025-01**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE VERNAL CITY COUNCIL AMENDING SECTION 16.20.630
- FOOD TRUCK COURTS, ADDING REGULATIONS FOR NOISE CONTROL BY
RESIDENTIAL USES.**

WHEREAS, The City Council finds that the regulation of noise created by food truck courts is necessary for orderly growth and conduct of business within the City, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it to be in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens to incorporate the following changes to the provisions of the Vernal City Code, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council has received input from the public at large in duly noticed open meetings, and has considered and discussed the advantages and disadvantages of such regulation.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Council of the Vernal, in the State of Utah, as follows:

SECTION 1: AMENDMENT “Section 16.20.630 Food Truck Courts” of the Vernal Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

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Section 16.20.630 Food Truck Courts

The purpose of this chapter is to establish regulations for the operation and location of food truck courts within Vernal City to enhance economic growth, support local entrepreneurs, create community gathering spaces, and provide diverse food options for residents while addressing potential impacts on public health, safety, and livability.

B. Definitions

Food Truck Court: Any area where one or more Mobile Food Vendor(s) are parked for more than 60 days in a calendar year OR any area where three (3) or more Mobile Food Vendor(s) are simultaneously located for any amount of time outside of an approved and permitted event. Food truck courts can include area(s) designated and designed for mobile food vendors, including food trucks, trailers, and carts, where food and beverages are sold to the public. The court may include amenities such as seating areas, restrooms, and parking.

Mobile Food Vendor: An operator of a food truck, trailer, or cart that sells food or beverages for consumption.

Food Vendor Stall: A designated area or space within a food truck court for the use of a mobile food vendor for the purpose of selling, serving, or preparing food or beverages.

C. Permitted.

Food truck courts are permitted within the following zones, subject to the provisions of this Chapter:

1. C-2 and CC-1 (Commercial Zones)
2. CP-2 and CCP-1 (Community Planned Commercial Zone)
3. I-1 (Industrial Zones)
4. ~~MX~~ (Mixed Use Zone)

E. Operational Requirements

1. All food truck courts including mobile food vendors within the court must comply with Health Department, Fire Department, and other relevant city departments regulations concerning food handling, storage, sanitation, parking, vehicular access, and all other activities related to the food truck court operation.
2. Food truck courts including mobile food vendors within the court are subject to regular inspections by the Health Department, Fire Department, and other relevant city departments to ensure compliance with the provisions of this chapter and other relevant regulations.
3. Food truck Courts shall be approved for operation upon receiving an approved Vernal City Business License.
4. No Vernal City Business license shall be issued for food truck courts without approved Master Site Plans or in violation of the approved master site plan, health code, fire code or Vernal City Code requirements.
5. Food Truck Courts shall not be larger than 3 acres.
6. Food truck courts shall be fenced on any boundary bordering a residential or agricultural use or zone.
7. Fencing requirements can be waived by the planning commission with the written approval of neighboring property owners or for unique geographical situations.

F. Food Truck Court Site Plan Requirements.

1. Compliance with Health Code requirements
2. Noise and Lighting Control shielding noise and lighting away from property boundaries
 - a. Noise generated by the food truck court activities shall not exceed 65 db at the property line adjacent to residential use or zones. All other noise generated by the food truck court shall be subject to typical noise ordinance regulations so as to not disrupt the usual use of adjoining properties.
3. All infrastructure facilitating gas, water, sewer and power shall be buried and available within 25' of each mobile food vendor stall.
 - a. No generators shall be permitted to operate food truck court activities including the food vendors, music, lighting and other amenities
 - b. The use of exterior propane facilities or fixtures that allow multiple vendors or the public to connect or access propane supplies is strictly prohibited. Propane systems must be self-contained exclusively for the use of the singular mobile food vendors operation. Propane tanks and related systems must not be accessible to other vendors or the general public and should be secured to prevent tampering or unauthorized use.
4. Access to a licensed and serviced grease containment and disposal system for the use of occupants.
5. On site contained garbage available for the use of occupants and patrons.
6. Landscaping required per Vernal City code 16.27.
7. . Parking required per Vernal City code 16.26 .

8. Compliance with sign regulations per Vernal City code 16.28.
9. Restrooms for the use of occupants
 - a. Food truck courts containing 4 or less food truck spots shall provide a minimum of 1 portable toilet and hand washing facility for the joint use of occupants. Portable toilets must be screened from public ROW view and set back a distance of 50 from all accesses to existing structures, the boundary of any residential zones, uses or residential structures.
 - b. Food truck courts with five to ten food truck stalls must provide at least one stationary toilet and handwashing facility for shared use by vendors and patrons.
 - c. For every additional ten food truck stalls, or fraction thereof, beyond the first five, one additional stationary toilet is required.
 - d. For example, a food truck court with:
 - i. 11 to 20 stalls must provide two stationary toilets.
 - ii. 21 to 30 stalls must provide three stationary toilets, and so on.
 - e. Neighboring properties within 250' of the boundary of the food truck court with excess existing toilet facilities for their use may grant food truck courts a permanent use easement for the use of their toilet facilities.
 - f. At no point shall any food truck court be permitted to operate without approved restroom facilities.
 - g. All toilet facilities must be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition and be easily accessible during the hours the food truck court operates.
 - h. Handwashing facilities must be equipped with soap, clean water, and hand drying materials or devices.
10. Food Vendor stalls shall be paved asphalt or concrete and no less than 12X25'.
11. All parking spaces for food trucks shall be accessible simultaneously.
12. All areas intended for food vendor and patron parking, parking access or vehicular use shall be paved either asphalt or concrete.
13. All areas intended for patron access shall be gravel, asphalt, concrete or landscaped for the use of pedestrians.
14. All storage associated with the food truck court shall be fully enclosed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE VERNAL COUNCIL January 15, 2025.

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Councilmember Corey Foley	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Councilmember Edward Long	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Presiding Officer

Doug Hammond
Doug Hammond, Mayor, Vernal



Attest

Roxanne Behunin
Roxanne Behunin, City Recorder,