

MEMORANDUM

TO: Cape Elizabeth Town Council
FROM: Planning Board
DATE: July 21, 2022
SUBJECT: Food Truck Amendments

Introduction

The Town Council has referred to the Planning Board review of ordinance amendments regulating Food Trucks that were drafted by the Ordinance Committee.

Review

The Planning Board reviewed the amendments at the May 3rd and June 7th workshops. In accordance with Sec. 19-10-3, Amendments, the Planning Board held a public hearing on July 19, 2022. No member of the public attended to speak. No changes to the draft were made.

Summary of amendments

The draft amendments generally regulate food trucks in two categories (see below) and balances the desire for food trucks with concerns from existing, fixed location businesses. The amendments have been drafted by the Ordinance Committee and reviewed by Town Attorney Mike Hill.

Accessory Use. Food trucks are explicitly described as an accessory use to accommodate property owners who invite a food truck to their property to celebrate an event, such as birthday or community organization meeting. Accessory use food trucks are allowed in all zoning districts and limited to 5 calendar days per year.

Food Truck Special Use Permit. For more commercially oriented food truck operations, food trucks may be operated up to 20 days per calendar year with issuance of a permit from the Town Council. The “special use food truck” is allowed on town property as listed, in commercial districts (Town Center, Business A and Business B) and on large lots (10+ acres).

Recommendation

BE IT ORDERED that, based on the plans and materials provided and the facts presented, the Planning Board recommends the Food Truck Amendments to the Town Council for consideration.