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**CITY OF ANOKA, MINNESOTA
ORDINANCE**

ORD-2025-1827

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 22; BUSINESS AND SERVICES,
ESTABLISHING ARTICLE XVI. MOBILE FOOD UNITS,
OF THE ANOKA CITY CODE**

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANOKA ORDAINS:

Section 1. Pursuant to Minnesota Law, the Anoka City Charter and the Anoka City Code, and upon a review conducted by the Anoka Champlin Fire Department and Anoka City staff, amendments to Chapter 22, Businesses and Services, establishing a new article, Article XVI, Mobile Food Units is hereby adopted, by an affirmative vote of a majority of the Anoka City Councilmembers present at meeting, to read shown on Exhibit A hereto attached.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effective upon passage and seven (7) days after publication.

ATTEST:

	Introduced: <u>10.06.2025</u>
	Adopted: <u>11.17.2025</u>
	Published: <u>Summary Publication</u>
<u>Erik Skogquist, Mayor</u>	Effective: <u>12.05.2025</u>

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
<u>Amy Oehlers, City Clerk</u>	Skogquist	X	_____	_____
	Campbell	X	_____	_____
	Rostad	X	_____	_____
	Scott	X	_____	_____
	Weaver	X	_____	_____

Chapter 22: Businesses and Services

ARTICLE XVI. MOBILE FOOD UNITS

Sec. 22-901. Purpose.

The purpose of this article is to protect the health, safety and welfare of community members by defining, inspecting and regulating the operation of mobile food units as defined herein within the city limits. Furthermore, the establishment of the standards herein will ensure that mobile food units hold a current, annual mobile food unit certificate issued by the appropriate Minnesota Department of Health, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, or Anoka County Environmental Services and a current Annual Fire Inspection conducted by an Anoka County Fire Inspector.

Sec. 22-902. Definitions.

Mobile food unit (MFU) means a transient merchant that has a food and beverage service establishment that is a fully contained motorized vehicle or fully contained mounted trailer unit attached to a motorized vehicle, licensed by the State of Minnesota to operate on public streets and roadways and readily movable, without disassembling, for transport to another location. For the purposes of this Article, Ice Cream Trucks that sell prepackaged ice cream and similar novelty items are not considered a mobile food unit.

Operator means the individual, partnership, corporation, or entity that owns or manages the mobile food unit.

Fire Safety Inspection Certificate means a certificate issued by an Anoka County Fire Inspector confirming compliance with applicable fire codes.

Sec. 22-903. Mobile food unit inspection and insurance requirements.

- (1) ~~Where transient merchant licensing is required for a MFU in Chapter 22, Article IV, Sec 22-169 of this code, or when~~ an MFU unit is operating under a certificate issued by the Minnesota Department of Health, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, or Anoka County Environmental Services or as part of a permitted Special Event within the city, ~~Any establishment that meets the MFU definition herein shall properly display~~ proof of all the following shall be provided with such applications to the city prior to the event and displayed in the unit during operation:
 - (a) A current, annual mobile food unit certificate issued by the appropriate Minnesota Department of Health, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, or Anoka County Environmental Services;
 - (b) State issued personal and vehicle license, registration, and insurance;
 - (c) A current electrical inspection sticker from the state department of labor and industry;

- (d) An annual Fire Safety Inspection Certificate issued by an Anoka County Fire Inspector, which encompasses the following:
 - 1. All mobile food units must pass an annual fire safety inspection conducted by an Anoka County Fire Inspector. **This inspection shall not exceed the requirements set forth in the Minnesota State Fire Code.**
 - 2. The inspection shall be valid for one (1) year from the date of issuance.
 - 3. An inspection fee in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) shall be remitted to the Fire Department performing the inspection pursuant to the Anoka County Inspection Reciprocity Program.
- (2) Exemptions to this section include:
 - (1) Ice cream trucks selling prepackaged ice cream novelty items, which are only allowed to operate in a residential district.
 - (3) Prohibited establishments.
 - (1) Any food and/or beverage service establishment with traits like a mobile food unit (MFU), but that does not meet the definition and requirements herein is prohibited from operation within city limits.

Sec. 22-904. Mobile food unit operational standards.

Any mobile food unit (MFU) defined within this Article shall meet the following operational standards:

- (1) Location of operation.
 - a. MFUs are prohibited from operating outside of a residential district unless they are operating as part of a city sponsored, ~~or~~ city co-sponsored **or** permitted special event.
 - b. A business/restaurant, who sells their own prepared food, may operate their own MFU on their business/restaurant property and the MFU is selling the products prepared by the business/restaurant as an extension of their business.
 - b. MFU's may operate upon private property, with consent of the property owner for a private event, pursuant to the regulations set forth within this article and they are not selling or otherwise distributing products to the general public.

Sec. 22-905. Violations.

Any person violating any provision of this article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Reserved Secs. 22-906 thru 22-920