

**PARK TOWNSHIP**  
**OTTAWA COUNTY, MICHIGAN**  
**(Food trucks)**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-04**

**AMENDMENT TO THE PARK TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES**

AN ORDINANCE to amend Article IV Supplemental Regulations, of Chapter 38 Zoning of the Park Township Code of Ordinances by adding a new Sec. 38-522 Food Trucks.

The Township of Park, in the Count of Ottawa and State of Michigan, hereby ordains:

**Section 1. The addition of the following definition to Sec. 38-6 of the Park Township Code of Ordinances.**

*Food truck:* A self-contained, motorized vehicle which is used for the preparation and distribution or sale of food. This definition shall include a food trailer, serving the same purpose but towed behind another motorized vehicle.

**Section 2. The addition of a new Sec. 38-522, which shall read in its entirety as follows:**

Sec. 38-522 Food Trucks

(a) In General

- (1) A food truck is considered an Itinerant Merchant. Any food truck operating in Park Township during any part of fourteen days or more in one calendar year must receive and display a permit in accordance with Chapter 24 of the Park Township Code of Ordinances in addition to permits required by other agencies.
- (2) Any and all food trucks operating in Park Township must meet licensing requirements for a Mobile Food Unit or Special Transitory Food Unit as established by the State of Michigan and/or Ottawa County.

(b) Requirements for location and operation

- (1) Food trucks may be located on a privately-owned lot of record where an existing commercial business operates in a building with a certificate of occupancy.
  - a. Food trucks and any appurtenances must be located a minimum of fifteen feet from neighboring properties. If the adjacent property is residential, the food truck must be located twenty-five feet from that property line. Food trucks shall be located a minimum of twenty-five feet from any right-of-way and twenty feet from any driveway and must not obstruct visibility of either the roadway or sidepath.
  - b. Bathroom facilities must be open, accessible, and located within 500 feet of the food truck whenever the food truck is present on site.

- c. The food truck shall not create visual, auditory, or any other kind of nuisance through the use of flashing or blinking lights or loud music or amplification devices or any other nuisance of any kind.
  - d. Allowable operating hours, which shall include set-up and tear-down, shall be from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m.
- (2) Food trucks may be operated on non-commercial properties such as schools, parks, camps, churches, public and private parks, governmental buildings, and other non-commercial uses that are customarily open for public or semi-public activities, [charitable, religious, fraternal, civic service, other non-profits] may host up to four food trucks up to three days per year with no permit and must operate in accordance with the requirements of Sec. 38-522(b)(1).
  - a. Hosting food trucks for more than three but not greater than fourteen days shall require a permit from the Zoning Administrator, who shall require a site plan showing proposed locations of food trucks, restroom facilities, waste receptacles, parking arrangements, intended dates of operation, and any other information deemed necessary and appropriate.
- (3) On any parcel designated for residential use, one food truck may be present for a maximum of three non-consecutive days in any calendar year for a private event or events held for a closed group where the general public will not be in attendance. This includes but is not limited to events such as birthday parties, family reunions, bridal or baby showers, and graduation parties. This does not include garage sales or other similar events open to the public.
  - a. Hours of operation, including set-up and tear down, are to be within the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
  - b. Food trucks must be located ten feet from the property line and twenty feet from the improved surface of the street. They may not be located within the right-of-way without prior written permission having been secured from the Ottawa County Road Commission.
  - c. The food truck shall not create visual, auditory, or any other kind of nuisance through the use of flashing or blinking lights or loud music or amplification devices or any other nuisance of any kind. Excessive light or noise, including that from spotlights or gas-powered generators, is prohibited at all times.
- (4) Permanent or semi-permanent food truck installations consisting of two or more food trucks may be permitted in the C-1 Neighborhood Business District and C-2 Resort Service District pending site plan approval by the Planning Commission. All relevant standards for site plan approval per Sec. 38-103 must be met, as well as the following standards:
  - a. The food truck installation must meet the requirements found in Sec. 38-422(b)(1) above.
  - b. A permanent structure which includes potable running water and restrooms must be located on the site. This will be considered the primary structure on the parcel.

- c. The owner/operator must hold an active Mobile Food Establishment Commissary license issued by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) and/or the Ottawa County Health Department or successor agency prior to the start of operations.
- (5) Food trucks may occasionally be permitted to operate within the right-of-way for community events such as block parties, neighborhood garage sales, and other similar neighborhood events if appropriate permits have been secured from the Ottawa County Road Commission and with the written consent of the Township Manager. The Township Manager shall confirm that the proposed event will not be disruptive to the broader community, is open to all residents of the target area and meets the goal of strengthening social ties and creating a stronger sense of community in the neighborhood.
- (c) Large regional festivals. The Zoning Administrator may at their discretion approve additional food trucks in non-residential zoning districts during large regional festivals subject to the requirements of Sec. 38-522(b)(1). These approvals shall be subject to an administrative site plan review by the Zoning Administrator and may not exceed ten days. The Zoning Administrator shall confirm that the proposed food truck placement(s) is in keeping with the surrounding neighborhood and is located within 500' of an open and accessible restroom facility.

**Section 3. Severability.**

The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any clause, sentence, word, section, or provision is hereafter declared void or unenforceable for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect the remainder of such ordinance which shall continue in full force and effect.

**Section 4. Repeal clause.**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

**Section 5. Effective Date.**

This Ordinance was approved and adopted by the Township Board of Park Township, Ottawa County, Michigan, on August 6, 2024 and is ordered to take effect on September 4, 2024, which date is more than 7 days after publication of the notice of adoption in the *Holland Sentinel*, a newspaper having general circulation in the Township, provided that this effective date shall be extended as necessary to comply with the requirements of Section 402 of Act 110 of 2006, as amended.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of an Ordinance/Ordinance amendment adopted by the Township Board for Park Township at the time, date, and place specified above pursuant to the required statutory procedures.

Respectfully submitted,

By: 

Skip Keeter

Park Township Clerk

By: 

Jim Gerard

Park Township Supervisor



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**NOTICE OF ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT  
TO THE RESIDENTS OF PARK TOWNSHIP  
OTTAWA COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

The Park Township Board, at a meeting at the Township Office at 52 - 152nd Avenue, on Thursday, August 8, 2024 approved an amendment to the Park Township Zoning Ordinance by amending Sec. 38-6 Definitions and adding a new Sec. 38-522 Food Trucks to Article IV Supplemental Regulations.

The ordinance in Section 1 adds a definition of a food truck. Section 2 indicates that any food truck operating in Park Township needs to be appropriately licensed by either the State of Michigan or Ottawa County, and that it must also register with Park Township if it intends to operate within Park Township during any part of fourteen days or more per year; describes requirements for location and operated when located on a privately-owned lot of record where an existing commercial business operates in a building with a certificate of occupancy; describes requirements for location and operation when located on non-commercial properties customarily open for public or semi-public activities; and describes requirements for location and operation on a parcel designated for residential use. It also allows for a permanent or semi-permanent food truck installation pending site plan approval by the Planning Commission, and for occasional operation within the right-of-way for community events with appropriate permits and approvals. Additional food trucks may also be permitted in non-residential areas during large regional festivals within certain parameters.

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Dated: August 16, 2024