

TOWNSHIP OF QUINTON
COUNTY OF SALEM
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-04

AN ORDINANCE ADDING ARTICLE II, CHAPTER 244 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
QUINTON ENTITLED “MOBILE FOOD VENDORS”

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Quinton, Salem County, New Jersey seeks to regulate mobile food vendors, including food trucks and food trailers, operating within Quinton Township to protect public health, safety, and welfare, ensure fair use of public and private property, and support local businesses and community events; and

WHEREAS, a permitting framework requiring a Quinton Township Mobile Food Vendor Permit and a current Salem County Health Department food license will help ensure that mobile food vendors operate in a manner consistent with public health and safety objectives; and

WHEREAS, establishing clear definitions for “Mobile Food Vendor,” “Food Truck/Food Trailer,” “Special Event,” and “Vendor Permit” provides clarity and consistency in the administration and enforcement of local requirements; and

WHEREAS, a permit program with annual and single-day options, non-transferability, and defined application requirements—including proof of identity, vehicle registration and insurance, Salem County Health Department approval, fire safety certification where applicable, site or event authorization, and payment of fees—will promote orderly, safe, and compliant operations; and

WHEREAS, reasonable fees for permits and inspections, subject to amendment by resolution of the Township Committee, provide a sustainable mechanism to administer and enforce the permitting program; and

WHEREAS, operating regulations addressing location restrictions, hours of operation, noise and generator use, trash and waste management, fire and safety measures, and signage standards are necessary to minimize adverse impacts on residents, businesses, and public spaces; and

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WHEREAS, coordination with township-approved special events, including permit requirements and proof of insurance naming Quinton Township as an additional insured, supports community activities while maintaining appropriate safeguards; and

WHEREAS, authorizing the Township Clerk, Zoning Officer, and local law enforcement to enforce the ordinance, and establishing a range of penalties up to and including fines, suspension, or revocation, will promote compliance and public confidence in the permitting process; and

WHEREAS, providing for revocation based on repeated violations, loss of required health approvals, unsafe or unsanitary conditions, or fraud or misrepresentation on an application ensures that permits are held only by responsible operators; and

WHEREAS, Quinton Township has developed a Mobile Food Vendor Permit Application that requires applicants to attest to compliance with Township ordinances, Salem County Health Department regulations, and fire safety requirements, and to indemnify and hold harmless the Township, its employees, and officials from claims arising from operations; and

WHEREAS, the Township has determined that adopting a permitting process with clear standards, procedures, and enforcement provisions is in the best interests of the public health, safety, and welfare and will provide transparency and predictability for mobile food vendors and the community; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Quinton, County of Salem and State of New Jersey, that Chapter 244 is added to the municipal code of the Township of Quinton as follows:

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Section 1: Purpose

The purpose of this article is to define the process, licensing, location, and operations for vendors engaging in the preparation and sale of food from mobile, nonpermanent vehicles within the Township of Quinton.

Section 2. Definitions

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

- a. FOOD CART-A cart or other movable device used on the public sidewalks or in public places, in which ready-to-eat food is cooked, wrapped, packaged, processed or portioned for sale or distribution, and which is not licensed as a food truck or food trailer. "Food cart" shall refer to a cart or other movable device that is intended to remain in a stationary location for a period of time.
- b. FOOD PUSH CART-A nonmotorized vehicle designed to be pushed, where a person goes from place to place by traveling on public sidewalks, selling ice cream products, frozen confectionery products, water ices, beverages, foods and foodstuffs which, prior to service, require only limited preparation or are prepackaged, where the purpose is to sell or attempt to sell these items to customers from such vehicle or pushcart.
- c. FOOD TRAILER-A nonmotorized vehicle designed to be towed by a motorized vehicle that is registered and is able to be operated on the public streets of the State of New Jersey, in which ready-to-eat food is cooked, wrapped, packaged, processed or portioned for sale or distribution.
- d. FOOD TRUCK-A motorized vehicle that is registered and is able to be operated on the public

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- streets of the State of New Jersey, in which ready-to-eat food is cooked, wrapped, packaged, processed or portioned for sale or distribution.
- e. FOOD VEHICLE-Collectively, a food truck, food trailer and a food cart.
 - f. FROZEN DESSERT TRUCK-A motorized vehicle that is registered and is able to be operated on the public streets of the State of New Jersey, in which frozen desserts are carried for purposes of retail sale on public streets.
 - g. INSURANCE- shall include both motor vehicle liability insurance and general liability insurance providing a minimum of \$1,000,000 coverage per occurrence.
 - h. MOBILE FOOD VENDOR-The owner or operator of a food truck, food trailer or food cart, pushcart, or the owner's agent, whether such food or beverages are prepared on-site or prepared elsewhere and transported to the site of the sale.
 - i. PRIVATE CAMPUS-The land and facilities which is owned and operated by a private entity.
 - j. SPECIAL EVENT-A gathering for a specific purpose that takes place on public or private property for a limited or specific time.
 - k. VEHICLE-Any mode of conveyance or anything with or without a wheel or wheels, whether stationary or propelled by muscular power or other means.
 - l. VENDOR PERMIT means the license issued by Quinton Township authorizing mobile food vending.

Section 3. Permit Required.

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1. No person shall operate a food truck or mobile food unit within Quinton Township without first obtaining:
 - a. A valid Quinton Township Mobile Food Vendor Permit, and
 - b. A current valid Salem County Health Department food license.
 - c. A valid certificate of service to the on-board cooking suppression, if applicable.
2. Permits must be display, are non-transferable and shall be valid for:
 - a. One calendar year, or
 - b. Single- day event permits for special events.
3. Applicants for permits must submit the following:
 - a. Completed township application form, including identity of driver and Operator, if different. Applications that are incomplete or incorrectly completed will be denied.
 - b. Copy of driver's license of Mobile Food Vendor
 - c. Proof of Food Vehicle registration and insurance
 - d. Proof of Salem County Health Department approval
 - e. Fire safety inspection certificate (if applicable)
 - f. Site plan or event location approval
 - g. Payment of applicable fees
4. Application requirements – each application shall be submitted no later than 24 hours prior to the event.
5. Location- permits issued shall be valid only for the location/event identified on the application.

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In the event the mobile food vendor moves from the location or event on the application, the permit is void. Permitted vendors may operate on locations approved on the permit only and not operate:

- a. On private property without owner's permission
 - b. Within 50 feet of an existing brick and mortar restaurant unless part of an approved event
 - c. On township roads or rights of way, unless part of an approved event
 - d. In residential zones unless part of an approved event.
6. Hours of Operation shall be 7:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M., except as extended by express Township approval.
7. Nuisance. Generators must be quiet rated and comply with Township noise ordinance, and are prohibited from excessive idling. Vendors must provide their own waste receptacles and must remove all waste from the site. No grease or wastewater may be discharged onto the ground or into storm drains.
8. Fire and Safety: All Mobile Food Vendors are required to have a fire extinguisher on board. All propane systems, fryers and cooking equipment must be inspected and meet NJ fire safety standards.
9. Signage: Signs must be attached to the vehicle or trailer only. Freestanding signs are not permitted, unless approved by the property owner and identified in the application.
10. Application fees:
- a. Annual Food Vendor Permit: \$150.00 – Expires one year after date of issue.

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- b. Single Day Permit: \$25.00
- c. Fire Safety inspection – as per NJ Uniform Fire Code.

Section 4. Special Events

All Mobile Food Vendors who attend Quinton Township events are required to have a valid single-day permit or annual permit and provide proof of general liability insurance naming Quinton Township as an additional insured.

Section 5. Enforcement and Penalties

1. The Township Clerk, Zoning Officer, and law enforcement are authorized to enforce this ordinance.
2. Any person who violates or neglects to comply with this Chapter shall, upon conviction thereof be punished by a fine not exceeding \$500 per violation and suspension or revocation of permit. A separate offense shall be deemed committed for each violation.

Section 76. Repealer

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

Section 4. Severability

Each section of this Ordinance is an independent section, and the holding of any section or part thereof to be unconstitutional, void or ineffective, shall not be deemed to affect the validity or constitutionality of any other sections or parts hereof.

Section 5. Effective Date

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BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

Dated: _____

Joseph Hannagan, Mayor

Emily Thalwitzer, Acting Clerk

NOTICE

This Ordinance was introduced for first reading and approval at a Regular meeting of the Quinton Township Committee held on March 03, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Quinton Municipal Building, 885 Salem Quinton Road, Salem, New Jersey 08079, and after posting and publication according to law, it will be presented for public hearing and adoption on April 07, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at a meeting of the Quinton Township Committee.

Emily Thalwitzer
Acting Clerk