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### **Board of Supervisors Adopts Food Truck Ordinance**

At their May 18, 2021 Board Meeting, the Amherst County Board of Supervisors adopted a Food Truck Ordinance. Food trucks, trailers, and carts have become increasingly popular and can already be seen throughout the County. However, previously, there was no zoning ordinance in place to regulate their operations. The adopted ordinance sets standards and regulations for all food truck, trailer, and cart operations in Amherst County.

Some key points include:

- Food trucks must limit their visit to a location to no more than 72 consecutive hours
- Equipment required for the business may not expand past ten feet of the truck.
- Business must provide appropriate waste receptacles.
- There must be at least three parking spots available for customers.
- Food trucks that are exempt from a zoning permit are: Meals on Wheels program vehicles, food home delivery services, single weekend events (birthdays, holidays, anniversaries, fairs, festivals, parades) and any other use that is similar to those uses.

The Planning Commission recommended approval of the ordinance at their April 15, 2021 meeting.

The entire ordinance can be viewed on the County website:

[https://www.countyofamherst.com/egov/documents/1621519013\\_69306.pdf](https://www.countyofamherst.com/egov/documents/1621519013_69306.pdf)

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