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2 **Mobile Food Service Vendors' Signage** – For the purpose of establishing sign requirements for
3 Mobile Food Service Vendors, known as food trucks; and generally dealing with Peddlers,
4 Hawkers and Itinerant Merchants operating restrictions.

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6 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE**
7 **City of Annapolis**

8
9 **Ordinance 31-24**

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11 **Introduced by: Alderman Savidge**

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13 **Referred to:**

14 Economic Matters Committee

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16 **AN ORDINANCE** concerning

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18 **Mobile Food Service Vendors' Signage**

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20 **FOR** the purpose of establishing sign requirements for Mobile Food Service Vendors, known as
21 food trucks; and generally dealing with Peddlers, Hawkers and Itinerant Merchants
22 operating restrictions.

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24 **BY** repealing and reenacting with amendments the following portions of the Code of the City
25 of Annapolis, 2024 Edition
26 **7.40.090**

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28 **SECTION I: BE IT ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY**
29 **COUNCIL** that the Code of the City of Annapolis shall be amended to read as follows:

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31 **Title 21 - PLANNING AND ZONING**
32 **Division V - Regulations of General Applicability**
33 **Chapter 21.70 Sign Regulations**

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35 **Section 21.70.020 Applicability.**

36 ~~— No signs except signs exempted by this chapter may be erected unless a sign permit has~~
37 ~~been issued by the Director of Planning and Zoning pursuant to Chapter 17.60.~~

38 **A.** No signs may be erected unless a sign permit has been issued by the Director of
39 Planning and Zoning pursuant to Chapter 17.60, except for signs exempted by this
40 chapter.

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1 B. This section does not apply to signs used by mobile food service vendors, also known
2 as food trucks. Sign regulations for mobile food service vendors are located in the
3 Mobile Food Service Vendors subsection of Title 7, § 7.40.090(B).

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5 **Title 7 – BUSINESS LICENSES, TAXES AND REGULATIONS**
6 **Chapter 7.40 – Peddlers, Hawkers and Itinerant Merchants**
7 **Section 7.40.090 - Areas of operation and operating restrictions.**
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9 **B. Mobile Food Service Vendors (also known as "food trucks").**

- 10 1. **Historic District.** Mobile food service vendors are allowed in the City's Historic
11 District, as defined in § 21.56, only as part of a special event organized by the
12 City per §14.18.
- 13 2. **Outside the Historic District.** In areas outside the Historic District, mobile food
14 service vendor licensees may operate as follows:
- 15 a. On private property only with the express written permission of the:
- 16 i. Property owner, which permission shall include a starting and
17 ending date;
- 18 ii. Authorized representative of any restaurant within 100 feet of the
19 proposed food truck location; or
- 20 b. On public property pursuant to a validly issued permit or with the
21 equivalent express written permission issued by the responsible City
22 department.
- 23 4. **Obstructing Access.** Mobile food service vendor vehicles shall in no way
24 block, obstruct, or impede any public right of way or access to it, including
25 vehicular, bicycle or pedestrian flow on the public right of way, nor obstruct or
26 interfere with access to any public or private fire hydrant or any building's fire
27 department connection.
- 28 5. **Noise and Air Pollution.**
- 29 1. Mobile food service vendor music or other noise shall not exceed 65
30 decibels as measured from 50 feet away.
- 31 2. Mobile food service vendors shall not use gas, diesel or other fossil fuel-
32 powered generators as their primary energy source. They shall only be
33 used as emergency backup systems.
- 34 6. **Trash.** A licensee shall collect and properly dispose of all trash and debris
35 generated by mobile food service activities of the licensee.
- 36 7. Signs. Mobile food service vendor signs shall meet the following requirements.

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1 **a. Signs on Mobile Food Service Vehicles (Food Trucks).**

- 2 i. All signage pertaining to or advertising a mobile food service
3 vehicle and/or its menu shall be attached to the vehicle.
- 4 ii. No part of a sign attached to a mobile food service vehicle shall
5 extend more than 18 inches from the vehicle.
- 6 iii. A mobile food service vehicle shall not be outfitted with a
7 "changeable electronic variable message sign" or "prohibited sign"
8 as set forth in subsection c (below).

9 **b. Sight Visibility.** No sign shall obstruct a clear view to and from traffic
10 along any street right-of-way, entrance or exit.

11 **c. Prohibited Signs.**

- 12 i. animated signs;
- 13 ii. billboards;
- 14 iii. flashing signs;
- 15 iv. rotating signs;
- 16 v. snipe signs (non-governmental signs attached to trees or poles);
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- 18 iv. signage containing profanity or lewd or obscene images.

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20 **SECTION II: AND BE IT FURTHER ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE**
21 **ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that this ordinance shall take effect upon passage.
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