COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
Legislative Session 2026, Legislative Day No. 12

Bill No. 65-26

Mr. Michael Ertel, Chair
By Request of County Executive

By the County Council, May 21, 2026

A BILL
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Permits, Licenses, and Business Regulation – Food Trucks – Definitions and Prohibitions

FOR the purpose of amending the definition of "food truck" to broaden the types of propulsion for a food truck and include food trucks that operate on water; establishing certain food truck proximity standards from restaurants in the MD43 Overlay District; repealing certain prohibitions for food trucks relating to trailers or other accessory attachments; authorizing the Department of Recreation and Parks to issue certain regulations regarding food trucks on County-owned property that is used for recreation; and generally relating to food trucks.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Sections 21-8-101 and 21-8-109
Article 21 – Permits, Licenses, and Business Regulation
Title 8 – Food Trucks
Baltimore County Code, 2015

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from bill.
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

BY adding

Section 21-8-110(d)
Article 21 – Permits, Licenses, and Business Regulation
Title 8 – Food Trucks
Baltimore County Code, 2015

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Laws of Baltimore County read as follows:

ARTICLE 21 – PERMITS, LICENSES, AND BUSINESS REGULATION

Title 8 – Food Trucks

§ 21-8-101. Definitions.

In this title, "food truck" means a [self-contained and self-propelled mobile vehicle that sells food from the curb side of the vehicle to customers on the curb side of a public street.] MOBILE FACILITY THAT SELLS FOOD AND THAT IS A MECHANICALLY, ELECTRICALLY, MANUALLY, OR OTHERWISE PROPELLED VEHICLE OPERATING ON LAND OR WATER THAT MOVES AS PART OF ITS ROUTINE OPERATION.

§ 21-8-109. Prohibitions.

(a) (1) A licensee may not park a food truck within 200 feet of the front public entrance of an open, operating restaurant.

(2) A licensee may not park a food truck on any sidewalk or private property without permission of the owner.

(3) A violation of this subsection shall be subject to the penalty provided in § 18-2-702(a)(8) of the Code.

(4) IN THE MD43 OVERLAY DISTRICT, A FOOD TRUCK MAY NOT:

(I) PARK WITHIN 300 FEET OF THE FRONT PUBLIC ENTRANCE OF AN OPEN, OPERATING RESTAURANT;

(II) PARK IN THE SAME LOCATION FOR MORE THAN 6 HOURS DURING A 24-HOUR PERIOD; OR

(III) AT ANY TIME, BE MORE THAN 20 FEET FROM ANY TRAILER OR OTHER ACCESSORY USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FOOD TRUCK.

[(b) Except for a canopy or menu display, a licensee may not attach a trailer or other accessory attachment to a food truck.]

[(c)] (B) A licensee may not play music through a speaker mounted on the outside of a food truck.

§ 21-8-110. Penalty.

(D) *ENFORCEMENT BY RECREATION AND PARKS*. IN ADDITION TO OTHER ENFORCEMENT AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS MAY ISSUE REGULATIONS AND ESTABLISH PENALTIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 3, TITLE 6 OF THE CODE THAT LIMIT THE NUMBER OF FOOD TRUCKS, THEIR LOCATION, OR THE NUMBER OF HOURS A FOOD TRUCK MAY PARK ON OR ADJACENT TO PROPERTY THAT IS OWNED BY THE COUNTY AND PRIMARILY USED FOR RECREATION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act, having been passed by the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, shall take effect 14 days after its enactment.

LEGISLATION DETAIL

LEGISLATION	BILL 65-26
DISPOSITION	PASSED AS AMENDED
ENACTED	07/14/26
EFFECTIVE	07/28/26
AMENDMENTS	YES (1)

ROLL CALL - BILL

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