

## ORDINANCE NO. 2026-001

### AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH REASONABLE REGULATIONS FOR MOBILE FOOD VENDORS OPERATING WITHIN THE CITY OF NEW SHARON, IOWA,

Be It Enacted by the City Council of the City of New Sharon, Iowa:

#### Section 1. Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish reasonable regulations for mobile food vendors operating within the City of New Sharon in order to protect public health, safety, and welfare while supporting local economic development and community events.

#### Section 2. Definitions:

- **Mobile Food Vendor:** Any person or business that prepares, sells, or serves food or beverages from a mobile unit, including food trucks, trailers, carts, or similar vehicles.
- **Mobile Food Unit (MFU):** A self-contained vehicle or trailer equipped to store, prepare, cook, or serve food.
- **Special Event:** Any city-approved event, festival, market, or gathering open to the public.
- **Vendor Permit:** A permit issued by the City of New Sharon authorizing a mobile food vendor to operate within city limits.
- **Peddler's License:** A license issued by the City of New Sharon allowing temporary commercial activity within city limits.

#### Section 3. Permit & Licensing Requirements

1. No mobile food vendor may operate within the City of New Sharon without first obtaining:
  - A **Mobile Food Vendor Permit**, and
  - A **City of New Sharon Peddler's License**
2. Applicants must submit:
  - Completed application form
  - Copy of current Iowa DIAL food license
  - Proof of liability insurance (minimum \$1,000,000 coverage)
  - Copy of driver's license
  - Written permission from private property owner (if applicable)

- Permit fee and peddler's license fee
  - Copy of Serv Safe License
3. **Recommended Fees for a City the Size of New Sharon:**
- **Annual Mobile Food Vendor Permit: \$150**
  - **Single-Day Permit: \$25**
  - **City Peddler's License: \$25 per year**
4. Permits and licenses are non-transferable.

#### **Section 4. Operating Regulations**

1. Vendors must comply with all state and local health, fire, and safety regulations.
2. Mobile food units may operate:
  - On private property with written permission
  - In designated public areas approved by the City
3. Hours of operation:
  - General: 7:00 AM – 10:00 PM
  - Special events: As approved
4. Vendors must supply their own power; generators must be quiet and safe.
5. Waste disposal:
  - Vendors must provide trash receptacles
  - All waste must be removed daily
  - Dumping grease or wastewater is prohibited
6. Noise must comply with city regulations.
7. Parking must not block traffic, driveways, hydrants, or ADA access.

#### **Section 5. Restrictions**

1. Vendors may not operate within **100 feet** of a brick-and-mortar restaurant during that restaurant's open hours unless written permission is provided.
2. Alcohol sales require proper licensing.

3. Residential operation is prohibited unless part of a city-approved event or with explicit permission.

**Section 6. Special Events**

1. Temporary permits may be issued for festivals, markets, or community events.
2. Event organizers may set additional rules.
3. Vendors must still provide proof of state licensing and insurance.

**Section 7. Inspections**

The City may inspect any mobile food unit during operating hours. Non-compliance may result in suspension.

**Section 8. Violations and Penalties**

- Operating without a permit or peddler’s license: **\$250 per day**
- Violation of operating rules: **\$100 per violation**
- Repeated violations may result in revocation.

**Section 9. Severability**

If any section is found invalid, the remainder stays in effect.

**Section 10. Effective Date**

This ordinance becomes effective upon passage and publication as required by law.

Passed by the Council on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

First Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

Third Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the foregoing was published as Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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City Clerk