

RESOLUTION NO. 6217

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EASTON EXTENDING THE PILOT
PROGRAM FOR MOBILE FOOD USES (FOOD TRUCKS) IN EASTON,
MARYLAND

INTRODUCED BY: Ms. Curry

WHEREAS, on September 2, 2025, the Town Council passed Resolution 6212 to
establish a pilot program for mobile food uses (food trucks) in the Town of Easton;

WHEREAS, the pilot program is set to expire on May 2, 2026;

WHEREAS, the Town Council believes it will have better information to make
permanent amendments if the pilot program is effective through a summer season; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council wishes to extend the pilot program until September
2, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town of Easton hereby resolves as follows:

Section 1. The recitals set forth above are incorporated herein by reference and made
a part of this Resolution.

Section 2. The Town Council extends the pilot program for mobile food uses (food
trucks) in the Town of Easton according to terms set forth on the attached Exhibit A.

Section 3. The Mayor is hereby authorized to take whatever additional actions are
reasonably necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution and implement the Pilot
Program;

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective upon approval by the Mayor after adoption by the Town Council and shall be effective for eight (8) months from the date hereof.

Curry	-	Yea
Rankin	-	Yea
Montgomery	-	Yea
Davis	-	Yea
Abbatiello	-	Yea

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was passed by a yea and nay vote of the Council this twentieth day of April, 2026.

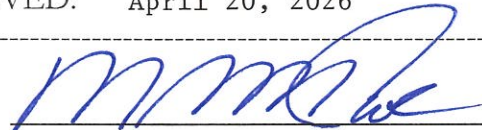

Don Abbatiello, Town Council President

Delivered to the Mayor by me this 20th day of April, 2026.

Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk

APPROVED: April 20, 2026

Date: 4/20/26


Megan J. M. Cook, Mayor

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 20, 2026.

EXHIBIT A

MOBILE FOOD SERVICE PILOT PROGRAM

Mobile Food Use shall have the definition contained in Chapter 28 of the Code of the Town of Easton which is:

Mobile Food Use – a food service operation that is vehicle-mounted or wheeled, a portable structure, or watercraft that is capable of being readily moved. Uses that are similar in nature but do not meet this definition, such as a trailer without wheels, are not considered a mobile food use and therefore would be subject to the applicable use and building regulations for the appropriate fixed structure.

REQUIRED LICENSES AND PERMITS

1. Mobile Food Uses are required to obtain a Mobile Food Use license to operate within the Town of Easton. The fee for the Mobile Food Use license shall be \$250 during the pilot program. Mobile Food Uses shall obtain the Mobile Food Use license in lieu of the Transient Business License required by Section 19-9 of the Code of the Town of Easton. Mobile Food Use licenses shall expire on September 2, 2026. Mobile Food Uses/Catering that are for a specific private event (not open to the public) on private property are exempt from the requirements to get a Mobile Food Use license and exempt from the location/site and operational requirements contained herein. However, they must still comply with paragraph 2 and obtain any required State of Maryland or Talbot County licenses and/or permits.
2. Mobile Food Uses shall obtain any required State of Maryland or Talbot County licenses and/or permits and provide proof to the Town with submission of the license application.

LOCATION/SITE REQUIREMENTS

1. Mobile Food Uses are only permitted to operate on private property within non-residential zoning districts, except that Mobile Food Uses shall be prohibited in the Central Business Commercial (CB) District.
2. Mobile Food Uses shall not locate within three hundred (300) feet of the principal building entrance of an existing operating restaurant (includes Restaurant, Carry-out/delicatessen, Restaurant, fast food, Restaurant, nightclub, and Restaurant, sit down as those terms are defined in Chapter 28 of the Code of the Town of Easton).

3. Mobile Food Uses shall only operate with the permission of the property owner, which permission shall be included in the license application.
4. A map to scale shall be submitted with the application that shows the location of any existing buildings on the property, the parking areas, any nearby restaurants, and the proposed location of the Mobile Food Use. Such a map is required for each property on which the Mobile Food Use wishes to operate.
5. Mobile Food Uses shall not operate on Town-owned property or within public rights-of-way unless approved in conjunction with a Public Assembly Permit.
6. Mobile Food Uses shall be located so that it does not block drive aisles, ingress or egress from the property, or fire and emergency access.
7. Mobile Food Use Units may rotate between approved private parcels, but may not remain in the same location for more than 24 hours.

OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

1. The license issued to the Applicant shall be clearly and prominently displayed at the Mobile Food Use.
2. Trash and recycling containers sufficient in size shall be provided to collect all waste generated by customers and staff of the Mobile Food Use. Trash and Recycling must be removed each business day.
3. The Mobile Food Use may have one (1) twenty-four by forty-eight-inch (24" x 48") sandwich board sign displayed within ten feet (10') of the Mobile Food Use. Sandwich board signs may be displayed only during hours of operation, and shall not obstruct or impede pedestrian or vehicular traffic, and shall be located on the same property as the Mobile Food Use. Signs affixed to the exterior of the Mobile Food Use Unit shall be secured and mounted flat against the Mobile Food Use and shall not project more than six inches (6") from the exterior of the Mobile Food Use Unit. Electronic or illuminated sign are prohibited.
4. Mobile Food Uses shall not provide tables, chairs, or other furniture outside of the Mobile Food Use.
5. Mobile Food Uses shall only sell food and non-alcoholic beverages.
6. Mobile Food Use operators shall maintain the cleanliness of the area around the Mobile Food use during its hours of operation.

VIOLATIONS

The Mobile Food Use license holder and/or property owner shall be the responsible party for any violation of this section. A license may be revoked, suspended, modified or not renewed by the Town for failure to comply with the provisions of this Resolution, or any provision of the Code of the Town of Easton. In addition, any violation of this Resolution shall be a municipal infraction in accordance with Section 1-8 of the Code of the Town of Easton.