



City of Isanti, Minnesota

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CITY ORDINANCE

You are hereby notified that the following Proposed Ordinance will be considered by the City Council of the City of Isanti, MN at the following meeting:

City Council Meeting: July 21, 2026

DATE POSTED: June 18, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. XXX

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 817 ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 1, 2024, NO. 811 ADOPTED JUNE 4, 2024, ORDINANCE NO. 763 ADOPTED ON JULY 20, 2021, ORDINANCE NO. 725 ADOPTED ON MARCH 4, 2020, AND TITLED PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS, TRANSIENT MERCHANTS, AND MOBILE FOOD UNITS

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ISANTI DOES ORDAIN:

Section 1- Amendment for Article II. Ordinance No.817, Ordinance No. 811, Ordinance No. 763, and Ordinance No.725 codified in Chapter 245 of City Code, are hereby amended as follows:

Chapter 245

PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS, TRANSIENT MERCHANTS, AND MOBILE FOOD UNITS

ARTICLE II Mobile Food Units.

§ 245-11.	Definitions.	§245-21.	Hours of Operation.
§ 245-12.	Application.	§245-22.	Water Supply.
§ 245-13.	State License.	§245-23.	Waste Disposal.
§ 245-14.	Insurance.	§245-24.	Self-Containment.
§ 245-15.	Background Investigation.	§245-25.	Inspections.
§ 245-16.	Duration of Sales and Unit Standards.	§245-26.	Locations.
§ 245-17.	Overnight Storage.	§245-27.	Prohibited Activities.
§ 245-18.	Signs.	§245-28.	Special Events.
§ 245-19.	Noise and Lighting.	§245-29.	Suspension; Revocation.
§245-20.	Parking.	§245-30.	Violations and Penalties; Enforcement.

§ 245-27. Locations.

~~A. Mobile food units shall only be allowed to operate on private property in zoning districts where retail sales are allowed as permitted or conditional uses under the City's Zoning Ordinance. Mobile food units may be allowed in public rights-of-way, residential zoning districts or park zoning districts in conjunction with an approved special event permit.~~

A. Mobile food units may operate on private property provided that the property owner requires all appropriate state licenses per the MN Department of Health (as applicable), assumes responsibility and holds insurance liability for their activities and conduct.

B. Mobile food units cannot be located within 500 feet from the perimeter of any pre-approved festival, sporting event or civic event unless license is issued for the mobile food unit to be part of the festival or event.

C. Mobile food units cannot be located within 200 feet of an entrance to a brick-and-mortar restaurant unless: 1) the license is issued in conjunction with or the mobile food unit is operating pursuant to an exception for any pre-approved event, festival, sporting event or civic event; or 2) the brick and mortar restaurant is closed and not doing business during the hours of the mobile food unit's operation. For purposes of this provision, distances shall be measured from the primary entrance of the restaurant, and the primary entrance is the door along the street where the restaurant is physically addressed. For purposes of this provision, distances of a restaurant within a multi-tenant facility or strip mall will be measured from the primary entrance of the restaurant business.

D. A copy of the written permission from any restaurant owner if the mobile food unit is requesting to be located within 200 feet of a restaurant must be included with the license application.

E. Ice cream ~~novelty~~ mobile food units, or mobile food units of similar nature as approved by the City Clerk, are ~~allowed-permitted~~ to operate within the public right-of-way in residential districts.

§ 245-29. ~~Special~~ Events.

The following standards shall apply to all events that are authorized by a special event permit:

A. It is not necessary for each transient merchant or mobile food unit to obtain a license under this chapter provided that the property owner, sponsor, promoter, and/or organizer does the following:

- ~~• of the event~~ Obtains a special event permit if required under Chapter 278. and from the City Council,
- ~~• m~~ Maintains a list of all participants
- ~~• and a~~ Assumes responsibility and insurance liability for their the merchants or mobile food unit's activities and conduct.

B. The property owner, sponsor, promoter and/or organizer of the event may designate where peddlers, merchants, and mobile food units set up their booths, sales stands or vehicles.

Section 2- Effective Date.

This Ordinance takes effect upon its passage and publication in the official newspaper of the City of Isanti.

Adopted by the City Council this 21st day of July 2026.

Mayor Luke Merrill

Attest:

Jaden Strand
City Clerk/ Deputy HR Director

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