

**Chapter 34**  
**FOOD TRUCKS**

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**§ 34-1. Definitions.**

- (a) The words and terms used in this Chapter have the same meanings as set forth in Subtitle 12, Division 2, and Subtitle 5, Division 11, of the Prince George's County Code, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.
- (b) "Town" means the Town of Riverdale Park.

**§ 34-2. Chapter Requirements and Supplementary.**

- (a) The provisions of this Chapter are supplementary to the regulation of food trucks and food truck hubs in Subtitle 12, Division 2, and Subtitle 5, Division 11, of the Prince George's County Code.
- (b) A person may not locate or operate a food truck or food truck hub in the Town without complying with the requirements of Subtitle 12, Division 2, and Subtitle 5, Division 11, of the Prince George's County Code relating to the permitting, location and operation of food trucks and food truck hubs.
- (c) A person may not locate or operate a food truck or food truck hub at any place in the Town where the food truck or food truck hub is not allowed by the Prince George's County Code or this Chapter.

- (d) The provisions of this Chapter shall prevail if they conflict with the requirements of Subtitle 12, Division 2, and Subtitle 5, Division 11, of the Prince George's County Code.

**§ 34-3. Food Truck and Food Truck Hubs Locations.**

- (a) Food truck or food truck hub may be located or operated anywhere in the Town except where its location or operation is prohibited by this Section.
- (b) A food truck may not be located or operated in the Town of Riverdale Park unless the food truck is located in a food truck hub for which a Town food hub permit has been issued.
- (c) A person may not operate a food truck hub in the Town unless the person has obtained a food truck hub permit from the Town in accordance with § 34-4.
- (d) A food truck hub may not be located in or immediately adjacent to a residential neighborhood that consists of primarily single family detached homes.
- (e) No part of a food truck hub may be located within 100 feet from any point on a building façade that has a customer entrance to an existing restaurant.
- (f) A food truck hub, and food trucks within a food truck hub, may not be located:
  - (1) In a manner or place that obstructs vehicular or pedestrian traffic;
  - (2) In an area where parking is prohibited;
  - (3) In a loading zone;
  - (4) In a manner or place that blocks a driveway or other ingress to or egress from property;
  - (5) In a manner that results in double-parking on a roadway; or
  - (6) In a manner or place that violates any vehicle law.

**§ 34-4. Food Truck Hub Permit.**

- (a) The Town Manager shall be the issuing authority for food truck hub permits in the Town.
- (b) A permit to operate a food truck hub at a specific location in the Town shall be applied for and issued to the coordinator of the food truck hub required by Subtitle 5, Division 11, of the Prince George's County Code. Each day that a food truck hub operates is a separate event.

- (c) The Town Manager shall prescribe the form and required content of a food truck hub permit application consistent with the requirements of this Chapter.
- (d) Each application for a food truck hub permit is valid for a specific location and for a specific duration of time. A permit may not be valid for a period longer than one year. A permit may be renewed upon the filing and approval of a new application, together with a new application fee.
- (e) The non-refundable application fee for a food truck hub is \$75 for each event, not to exceed \$150 for operation of a food truck hub at the same location for consecutive days. Payment of the application fee shall accompany the permit application.
- (f) In addition to such other reasonable information as the Town Manager may require, an application for a food truck hub permit shall include the following:
  - (1) The address of the proposed food truck hub;
  - (2) A site plan depicting the proposed locations for food trucks at the hub and the maximum number of food trucks to be accommodated, and circulation patterns for ingress to and egress from the hub by food trucks and persons patronizing food trucks at the hub;
  - (3) Proposed hours of operation of the hub;
  - (4) Written permission from the owner of the property on which the food truck hub will be located; and
  - (5) The name, address, telephone number and e-mail address of the food truck hub coordinator.
- (g) Upon receipt of a completed application and payment of the permit fee, the Town Manager shall issue the permit unless the Town Manager determines, in writing, that the proposed food truck permit hub will not be in compliance with all applicable laws or otherwise will not be in the public interest for specific reasons stated in the determination. A copy of the Town Manager's determination shall be provided to the applicant promptly.

**§ 34-5. Food Truck Coordinator.**

- (a) The Town Manager or the Town Manager's designee shall coordinate and be the County's point of contact for the operation and lawful functioning of food truck vending in the Town. The food truck coordinator required by this Section is in addition to the coordinator for each food hub required by Subtitle 5, Division 11, of the Prince George's County Code.

(b) The Town Manager shall notify the Prince George's County Department of Permitting, Inspection and Enforcement (DPIE) of:

(1) The coordinator's designation; and

(2) The locations where food trucks are permitted in the Town.

**§ 34-6. Appeals; Procedure.**

A person aggrieved by a determination of the Town Manager in the administration or enforcement of this Chapter may appeal the decision to the Board of Code Appeals in accordance with Chapter 56 of this Code. An appeal shall be in writing and filed with the Board not later than fifteen (15) days after the date of the decision from which the appeal is taken.

**§ 34-7. Violations and Penalties.**

(a) This Chapter may be enforced by Town police officers or code enforcement officers.

(b) A violation of this Chapter is a municipal infraction.

(c) A person who violates this Chapter, or permits a violation of this Chapter to exist or continue, is guilty of a municipal infraction and subject to a fine in the amount of two hundred dollars (\$200) for each violation. Each day a violation continues is a separate offense.

(d) Notwithstanding Subsection (c) of this Section, a person is not guilty of a municipal infraction if the person abates the violation within the time specified in a written notice of violation from the Town.