

LOS ALAMOS  
Community Development

TEXT AMENDMENT APPLICATION

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*Note: The Planning & Zoning Commission considers Applications for Text Amendments at a public hearing and recommends approval or denial to the County Council. Council has final authority to approve or deny.*

**Describe the purpose of the proposed amendment:**

The purpose of the proposed text amendment is to include within Los Alamos County Code provisions concerning allowing mobile food vending on private land, public land, and public right-of-way. The proposed text amendment is in response to growing needs of businesses to provide mobile food vending services in Los Alamos County.

**Provide the existing (if applicable) and proposed text. (Use strikeouts for any text to be removed and underline any new language proposed.) Use this space or attach additional sheet(s):**

The mobile food vending draft ordinance includes strikeouts for any text to be removed and underlining for new proposed language.

**APPLICANT** (Unless otherwise specified, all communication regarding this application shall be to Applicant):



**Check here if Applicant is County Staff.** Indicate Department and Title:

Community Development  
Department

Community Development Director  
Title

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SIGNATURE

DATE

**TEXT AMENDMENT REVIEW CRITERIA:****The Los Alamos County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 16, Development Code, Sec. 16-158:**

*During the course of the review of any request for amendment to the text of this chapter, including determination of uses and addition, deletion or change in the Use Index, the planning and zoning commission shall utilize the following criteria in making its recommendation to the county council. The county council shall utilize the following criteria in making its determination of approval or denial:*

**Please provide your response to each of the following criteria. (Attach additional sheets if needed.)**

- (1) *The request substantially conforms to the comprehensive plan and shall not be materially detrimental to the health, safety and general welfare of the county;***

The proposed text amendments are in response to growing needs of the food industry to provide mobile vending services in Los Alamos County. The proposed text amendments substantially conform to the comprehensive plan and promote economic vitality by offering both public and private venues for economic growth and providing a range of financially viable modes for small business growth. Allowing mobile food vending on private land, public land, and public right-of-way would not be materially detrimental to health, safety, and general welfare of the County, as County health and safety requirements would apply and be enforceable for any mobile food vending service providers.

- (2) *A request for amendment to the comprehensive plan shall, if necessary, be submitted concurrently with the request for amendment to the text of this chapter.***

The proposed text amendments apply to County development code only and would not require a subsequent amendment to the County's comprehensive plan.

- (3) *The proposed change will not result in land use inconsistent with the purpose of the district or incompatible with a use allowed in the district.***

The proposed text amendments will not result in land use inconsistencies with the purpose of the district or result in an incompatible with a use allowed in the district as mobile food vending would only be allowed within areas compatible with vehicular traffic and would not be permanent uses.

Proposed text amendments specify that food vending vehicles would be allowed to do business in particular districts under specifically defined parameters.

- (4) *The proposed change will clarify existing language, remove redundant or inconsistent language or will simplify the understanding and implementation of the Code.***

The proposed text amendments would clarify existing language and would simplify the understanding and implementation of the Code by defining the terms pertaining to mobile food vending and specifying the areas within the districts it would be allowed.

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**THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT****For County Use:**

**Date of Submittal:** 9/10/21

**Staff Initial:** 

**CDD Application Number:** ZCA-2021-0010

**Fees Paid:** N/A #