

City of Lockhart
Planning and Zoning Commission
March 12, 2025

MINUTES

Members Present: Philip Ruiz, Phil McBride, Ron Peterson, Julia Haug

Members Absent: Manuel Oliva, Bradley Lingvai, Rick Arnic

Staff Present: David Fowler, Andrew Devaney, Doug Patrick, Joseph Resendez, Christine Banda, Romy Brossman

Visitors/Citizens Addressing the Commission:

1. Call meeting to order. Chair Ruiz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Citizen comments not related to an agenda item. None
3. Consider the Minutes of the February 26, 2025 meeting.

Commissioner Haug moved to approve the February 26, 2025, minutes. Commissioner McBride seconded, and the motion passed by a vote of 4 - 0.

4. Hold a PUBLIC HEARING and consider text amendments to Chapter 64, "Zoning" Article VII, Section 64-205, "Portable Food Establishments" of the Lockhart Code of Ordinances.

Building Official Andrew Devany came to the podium to make the presentation. He explained that Lockhart Staff seeks to update the definition of a portable food establishment. This includes removing verbiage regarding the location and duration to be considered a portable food establishment. This would ensure that all portable food truck establishments who wish to conduct business are properly permitted and inspected prior to serving consumers.

He stated he also recommended amending Subsection (b)(1) to update the requirement for a mobile food unit permit. This would make it a requirement for portable food establishments to be inspected by the City health inspector and have a current mobile food unit permit issued by the Texas Department of State Health Services, Retail Foods Division. This update would ensure compliance with City inspections as well as meet the minimum requirements of the State Health Code.

Lastly, he also recommended deleting Subsection (e) in its entirety. This section is not applicable for portable food establishments. Portable food establishments used in conjunction with outdoor events within the City of Lockhart shall meet the requirements set forth in Chapter 26-Health and Sanitation and/or Chapter 42-Transient Retail Businesses. Building staff also plans to revise the sections of Chapter 26 relevant to portable food establishments at the same City Council meeting at which the proposed amendments to Chapter 64 will be heard.

The Commission asked questions regarding the proposed changes including *any* versus *sanctioned* events, weekend enforcement, the original reasoning for Subsection (e) and fees.

Douglas Patrick, Health and Code Enforcement Officer, came forward to discuss the purpose of the proposed updates and to address a specific question regarding the regulation of mobile ice cream trucks. He also discussed "cottage food" (small home-based food production) permits and the sale of fundraiser plates by non-profit organizations.

Staff members Devaney, Patrick and Fowler recommended approval.

Commissioner McBride moved to approve the text amendments to Chapter 64, "Zoning" Article VII Section 64-205, "Portable Food Establishments." Commissioner Haug seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.

5. Discuss the date and agenda of the next meeting, including Commission requests for agenda items.

Mr. Fowler confirmed there may be one or two plats presented at the next meeting which is scheduled for March 26, 2025.

6. Adjournment.

Commissioner Peterson moved to adjourn, and Commissioner Haug seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous vote, and the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Approved: 03/20/2025
(date)



Romy Brossman, Recording Secretary



Philip Ruiz, Chair