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Monessen To Allow Mobile Food Vehicles in City

MONESSEN – At a recent Council meeting, the City of Monessen adopted a brand new Mobile Food Vehicle Ordinance, which will allow such vehicles to operate in the City. Previously, there was no such ordinance on the books. “There were no laws preventing food trucks, but there were also no laws offering guidelines, or explicitly allowing them either”, says Mayor Matt Shorraw.

Those wishing to operate a food truck in Monessen will need to contact the City’s Code Enforcement Department and fill out an application form for each permit. There is a one-time application fee of \$50. Once the application is approved, the applicant will pay a \$100 permit fee, which will be good for one year. Mobile food vehicles will be able to operate on any public street or public property in Mid-Downtown Monessen (Donner and Schoonmaker Avenues, from Parente Boulevard to 12th Street, including all side streets, but excluding alleyways). Mobile food vehicles will also be permitted to operate in any public park between 7am and 9pm; any other locations or special circumstances will need to be approved by the City ahead of time.

Mayor Shorraw says he “hopes that having these food trucks in Monessen will attract more people to our Downtown District to support the businesses we have here, and to bring more visitors our various parks throughout the City. There has been a demand for more food trucks, and we are excited to be able to make this happen!”

A copy of the entire Ordinance can be found at the City’s website cityofmonessen.com/public-documents. The City will have its first Food Truck Festival at Monessen City Park on June 5th at Noon. It will be hosted by Mon Valley Paws, a local organization dedicated to improving the lives of local animals, but providing assistance to individuals and other non-profits who specialize in health care and the rescue of animals.

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