



# COUNTY OF ERIE

**MARK C. POLONCARZ**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

May 8, 2026

Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

**RE: Food Truck Permits**

Dear Honorable Members:

Please find enclosed a resolution from the Department of Parks, Recreation & Forestry requesting authorization to assess a vendor fee and issue food truck permits on a limited and temporary basis at select County parks, beaches, and golf courses.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Commissioner Troy P. Schinzel at the Department of Parks, Recreation & Forestry. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark C. Poloncarz".

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive

MCP/nr  
Enclosure

cc: Troy P. Schinzel, Commissioner, Department of Parks, Recreation & Forestry

## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
**From:** Department of Parks, Recreation & Forestry  
**Re:** Food Truck Permits  
**Date:** May 8, 2026

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### **SUMMARY**

It is recommended that the Legislature approve the attached resolution prepared by the Department of Parks, Recreation & Forestry to authorize the Department to issue a limited number of food truck permits on a temporary basis to mobile vendors with proper insurance, health permit, and business certification, providing food and beverages to park patrons at agreed-upon locations and times. Dates, times, and locations will be at the discretion of the Department. This would be a separate permit from the previously approved Special Event vendor permits (\$100 for food vendors, \$50 for craft vendors) issued for County events, such as Fall Fest and Santa Land.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

Food truck permit fees will generate revenue for the Department while also creating a positive economic impact on the County as a whole by providing mobile food vendors additional opportunities for sales and making food service available in areas that may not otherwise be served by these types of vendors.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

The Department of Parks, Recreation & Forestry strives to provide and promote opportunities for mobile vending within select County parks. The Parks Department, like many others in the area, has been unsuccessful in finding reliable concessionaires to provide services at Elma Meadows Golf Course, Grover Cleveland Golf Course, and Chestnut Ridge Park. By implementing a food truck permit application process, the Department can more easily fill these gaps with minimal use of County resources, while also creating an avenue for mobile vendors to offer food services at other locations such as Bennett Beach during the summer, to enhance the visitor experience.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

Food services will not be available to park patrons.

### **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

The Commissioner of Parks will create an application, review, payment, and scheduling process for issuing food truck permits, similar to the processes already in place for special event permits.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY

RE: Erie County Parks Food Trucks Permit

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Parks, Recreation & Forestry (“Parks”) desires to provide a service to park visitors and an opportunity for mobile vendors; and

WHEREAS, a number of mobile vendors have expressed interest in selling food at County parks, beaches, and golf courses; and

WHEREAS, an established application, payment, permit process already exists.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that Parks is authorized to accept applications and payments to issue permits to food trucks/mobile vendors with fees as follows: \$25 for one-day permit, \$50 for two-day permit, \$100 for seven-day permit, and \$250 for season permit; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive; the County Attorney; and the Commissioner of Parks, Recreation & Forestry.