SPECIAL MEETING PUBLIC HEARING
Proposed Local Law "D" of the year 2026
Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 5:00 PM
Meeting Location: Vestal Town Hall, 605 Vestal Parkway West, Vestal, New York

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1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Local Law "D" of the year 2026 entitled:
" Temporary Food Truck Court Moratorium Local Law"

Resolution to enact a twelve (12) month moratorium on allowing food truck courts in the Town of Vestal.

3. PLANNING & ZONING (GREENE/Padbury)

Resolution to advertise on July 16, 2026 for a public hearing to be held on Wednesday, July 22, 2026. The public hearing is for proposed Local Law C of 2026: "Revisions to Code Section 24-726.1 (Definitions); Section 24-726.2 (Noise)"

4. ADJOURNMENT

Proposed Local Law D of 2026

“Temporary Food Truck Court Moratorium Local Law”

A local law establishing a temporary moratorium on new food truck courts within the Town of Vestal”

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Vestal, Broome County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. Title

This Local Law shall be known as the “Temporary Food Truck Court Moratorium Local Law.”

Section 2. Legislative Findings

A. The Town Board finds that the operation of multiple food trucks from a single parcel of land constitutes an evolving land use not specifically addressed by the Town’s current Zoning Law.

B. The Town Board further finds that Food Truck Courts may create significant land-use issues involving traffic circulation, vehicle queuing, pedestrian safety, parking demand, emergency vehicle access, fire protection, refuse collection, grease disposal, noise, lighting, hours of operation, outdoor seating, sanitation, stormwater management, compatibility with surrounding neighborhoods, and the cumulative impacts of multiple vendors operating from a single location.

C. The Town Board finds that the Town’s present zoning regulations do not contain adequate standards governing these uses.

D. The Town Board further finds that it is in the public interest to temporarily suspend approvals for such developments while the Town studies and adopts appropriate zoning regulations designed to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

E. The Town Board further finds that the moratorium established herein is temporary, reasonable in scope, and necessary to preserve the status quo while comprehensive zoning amendments are prepared.

Section 3. Purpose

The purpose of this Local Law is to permit the Town sufficient time to evaluate and adopt regulations governing Food Truck Courts.

Section 4. Definitions

1. FOOD TRUCK: A licensed motor vehicle, trailer, or mobile unit from which food or beverages are prepared or sold to the public.

2. FOOD TRUCK COURT: Any parcel, lot, or premises upon which two or more Food Trucks operate simultaneously, whether permanently, temporarily, seasonally, or pursuant to lease, license, or other agreement.

This definition shall not include Town-sponsored community events, municipal festivals, charitable events, school events, farmers markets, or temporary special events specifically authorized by the Town Board.

Section 5. Moratorium

During the effective period of this Local Law:

No application shall be accepted for site plan approval, special permit, use permit, zoning permit, building permit, or certificate of occupancy for any new Food Truck Court.

- No Town board, commission, department, official, or employee shall approve or issue any permit or approval authorizing the establishment, expansion, or operation of a new Food Truck Court.
- No existing approval shall be amended to permit the addition of food trucks resulting in a Food Truck Court.

Section 6. Existing Uses

Nothing contained herein shall prohibit:

- Any Food Truck Court lawfully existing on the effective date of this Local Law;
- Operation of a single Food Truck otherwise permitted by law;
- Temporary community festivals, municipal events, nonprofit events, or farmers markets authorized by the Town.

Section 7. Study During Moratorium

During the moratorium the Town Board shall study and prepare zoning regulations governing:

- Permitted zoning districts;
- Maximum number of food trucks;
- Minimum lot size;
- Parking requirements;
- Traffic circulation;
- Pedestrian safety;
- Fire protection;
- Generator use;
- Lighting;
- Noise;
- Refuse collection;
- Grease disposal;
- Stormwater management;
- Restroom requirements;
- Outdoor seating;
- Landscaping;
- Screening;
- Hours of operation;
- Buffer requirements;
- Special permit standards; and
- Site plan review criteria.

Section 8. Duration

This Local Law shall remain in effect for twelve (12) months from its effective date unless repealed earlier by the Town Board.

The Town Board may extend this moratorium for one additional period not exceeding six (6) months upon finding that additional time is necessary to complete the zoning study and adopt permanent regulations.

Section 9. Severability

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Local Law is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Local Law.

Section 10. Supersession

To the extent permitted by law, this Local Law shall supersede any inconsistent provisions of the Town Code necessary to accomplish its purposes.

Section 11. Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law.