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STAFF REPORT

July 2, 2025

CASE NUMBER: TEXT-0085-2025

APPLICANT: Bryan Wood for The City of Perry

REQUEST: Amend the definition of self-service vending units

STAFF COMMENTS: A recent code enforcement case prompted staff to review the definition of self-service vending units to ensure it adequately describes the types of vending units the City Council wishes to prohibit.

STANDARDS FOR GRANTING A TEXT AMENDMENT:

- (1) **Whether, and the extent to which the proposed amendment is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.**

The amendment is not inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

- (2) **Whether, and the extent to which the proposed amendment is consistent with the provisions of this chapter and related city regulations.**

The proposed amendment is consistent with the format of the Land Management Ordinance.

- (3) **Whether, and the extent to which there are changed conditions from the conditions prevailing at the time that the original text was adopted.**

Staff identified areas within the definition of self-service vending unit that needed further clarification.

- (4) **Whether, and the extent to which the proposed amendment addresses a demonstrated community need.**

The City Council has determined that self-service vending units are not appropriate in Perry.

- (5) **Whether, and the extent to which the proposed amendment is consistent with the purpose and intent of the zoning districts in this chapter, will promote compatibility among uses, and will promote efficient and responsible development within the city.**

The amendment is consistent with the policy of the City Council and addresses the purposes of ensuring appropriate commercial development patterns along corridors and creating a convenient, attractive, and harmonious community.

- (6) **Whether, and the extent to which the proposed amendment will result in logical and orderly development pattern.**

The amendment prevents inappropriate elements which could negatively impact traffic patterns and community appearance.

- (7) **Whether, and the extent to which the proposed amendment will result in beneficial impacts on the natural environment and its ecology, including, but not limited to, water, air, noise, stormwater management, wildlife, vegetation, and wetlands.**

The amendment has no direct impact on the natural environment.

(8) Whether, and the extent to which the proposed amendment will result in development that is adequately served by public facilities and services (roads, potable water, sewerage, schools, parks, police, fire, and emergency medical facilities).

The amendment has no impact on public facilities and services.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approval as submitted.

Amend the definition of self-service vending unit as follows:

~~*Self-service vending unit* means a freestanding vending machine larger than five feet in width by three feet in depth by seven feet in height that may operate without full-time personnel (e.g. bulk ice vending machines). These units are activated by insertion of money or electronic payment; the product is automatically dispensed individually or in bulk outside to the customer.~~

Self-service vending unit means a freestanding machine of which the full length of one of its longest sides is located more than one foot from a wall of a principal building; and is not located completely under the roof, overhang, awning, or colonnade of a principal building; and exceeds 80 inches in height, 48 inches in width, or 36 inches in depth; and is activated by inserting tokens or money into the machine or by accepting electronic payment; and mechanically dispenses individual or bulk merchandise to the customer.



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Application # TEXT-0085-2025

Application for Text Amendment

Contact Community Development (478) 988-2720

Applicant Information

*Indicates Required Field

	Applicant
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Request

*Please provide a summary of the proposed text amendment:

Amend definition of Self-Service Vending Units

Instructions

1. The application, fee (made payable to the City of Perry), and proposed text of the amendment must be received by the Community Development Office no later than 4:30 pm on the date reflected on the attached schedule.
2. Fees: Actual cost of required public notice.
3. The applicant must state the reason for the proposed text amendment. See Sections 2-2 and 2-3.2 of the Land Management Ordinance for more information.
4. The staff will review the application to verify that all required information has been submitted. The staff will contact the applicant with a list of any deficiencies which must be corrected prior to placing the application on the planning commission agenda.
5. Text amendment applications require an informational hearing before the planning commission and a public hearing before City Council.
6. The applicant must be present at the hearings to present the application and answer questions that may arise.
7. **Campaign Notice required by O.C.G.A. Section 36-67A-3:** Within the past two years, have you, the applicant, made either campaign contributions and/or gifts totaling \$250.00 or more to a local government official? **Yes**____ **No**__**X**__
If yes, please complete and submit the attached Disclosure Form.
8. The applicant affirms that all information submitted with this application, including any/all supplemental information is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and they have provided full disclosure of the relevant facts.
9. Signatures:

*Applicant	 Bryan Wood, Director of Community Development, for the City of Perry	*Date	5/23/2025
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Standards for Amendments to the Text of the Land Management Ordinance

In reviewing an application for an amendment to the text of the ordinance and acting on said application, the planning commission and city council may consider the following standards:

(1) Whether, and the extent to which the proposed amendment is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

This amendment is not inconsistent with these plans.

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The proposed amendment is consistent with the format of the Land Management Ordinance.

(3) Whether, and the extent to which there are changed conditions from the conditions prevailing at the time that the original text was adopted.

Amendment needed to further clarify what is classified as a self-service vending unit.

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Revised 7/1/22

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