

BEAR RIVER CITY ORDINANCE NO. 2026-05-3

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE BEAR RIVER CITY FOOD PANTRY

WHEREAS, Bear River City values a strong, caring, and self-reliant community; and

WHEREAS, from time to time individuals and families may experience temporary need for food assistance; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to provide a simple, respectful, and community-supported resource to help meet those needs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF BEAR RIVER CITY, UTAH:

Section 1. Establishment

There is hereby established the Bear River City Food Pantry, to be located within the Bear River City Civic Center.

Section 2. Purpose

The purpose of the Food Pantry is to:

Provide temporary food assistance to individuals and families in need;
Encourage community service, donations, and volunteerism;
Strengthen the spirit of neighbor helping neighbor within Bear River City.

Section 3. Administration

The Food Pantry shall be administered under the direction of the Mayor in compliance with this ordinance as set forth by the City Council.

The City may appoint volunteers or a lead coordinator to assist with operations, inventory, and distribution.
The City may partner with local organizations, churches, or community groups to support the Pantry.

Section 4. Operations

The Food Pantry shall operate on a schedule established by the City.
Assistance shall be provided in a respectful, non-discriminatory manner.
The City may adopt simple guidelines to ensure fair use of resources, including reasonable limits on frequency or quantity of assistance if needed.
To the extent possible, the Pantry will prioritize residents of Bear River City.

Section 5. Donations

The City may accept donations of non-perishable food, household essentials, and monetary contributions for the support of the Food Pantry.
All donations shall be used solely for the operation and support of the Food Pantry and maintained in official City accounts.
The City shall establish guidelines to ensure donated items are safe and appropriate for distribution according to applicable local health department policies.

Section 6. Funding

Operation of the Food Pantry may be supported through donations, grants, volunteer efforts, fundraising, or other lawful community support.
Nothing in this ordinance shall be interpreted as creating a mandatory obligation for Bear River City to appropriate or expend City funds for the operation of the Food Pantry.

Any expenditure of City funds for the Food Pantry shall be subject to approval through the normal budgeting and appropriation process established by law.

Section 7. Volunteer Support

Community members are encouraged to volunteer their time and resources. The City may establish basic procedures to organize and support volunteers.

Section 8. Liability

The City shall make reasonable efforts to encourage safe food handling and distribution practices consistent with applicable health regulations.

Food and other donated items are accepted and distributed in good faith and are provided "as is" to the extent permitted by law.

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable state and federal law, including the Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act and applicable Utah law, donors, volunteers, partnering organizations, and the City shall retain all applicable liability protections related to the donation and distribution of food and household goods.

Section 9. Authority to Adopt Guidelines

The Mayor may adopt administrative guidelines consistent with this ordinance to support efficient and fair operation of the Food Pantry.

Section 10. Severability

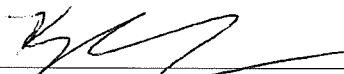
If any provision of this ordinance is found invalid, the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 11. Effective Date

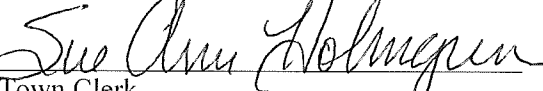
This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED this 13th day of May, 2026.

Dated this 13th day of May, 2026


Kylene Mecham, Mayor

ATTEST:

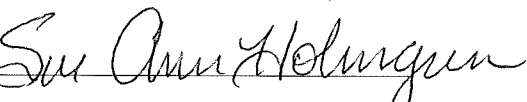

Town Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING ORDINANCE

I, the duly appointed and acting town clerk for the City of Bear River, hereby certify that copies of the foregoing Ordinance No. 2026-05-03 were posted at three public places within the municipality this May 20, 2026 which public places are:

- 1. Bear River City Civic Center
- 2. Bear River City Post Office
- 3. Bear River City Website

Dated this 18th day of May 2026


Sue Ann Holmgren, Town Clerk