



# Mobile Food Unit Vending Regulations

## Vending Locations

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- Limited to commercial and industrial zoned areas within the city on public streets; and, in private parking lots and on private streets with the written permission of the property owner.
- Licenses will include the provision to vend in residential neighborhoods. Vending would be limited to the hours of 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily, and may only park in one location for no more than two (2) hours at a time (unless part of a sponsored neighborhood event).
- No mobile food vending (unless part of a city-sponsored or approved event) will be allowed within any city-owned park.
- No vendor selling from a mobile food unit shall:
  - Vend on a public or private street, or within a private parking lot that is within seventy-five (75) feet of the main entrance of a restaurant/retail food establishment (including outdoor patio areas) during the establishment's business hours, unless the establishment gives written permission to the vendor.
  - Vend within five (5) feet from any driveway, utility box or vault, handicapped ramp, building entrance or exit.
  - Vend within eight (8) feet of any fire hydrant or fire escape.
  - Operate within fifty (50) feet distance from intersections.
  - Vend within seventy-five (75) feet of any church or funeral home, while such church or funeral home is holding a service.
  - Vend within one-half mile of a special event venue/festival boundary requiring street closure.
  - Remain in one location for more than four (4) hours per day (unless in a private parking lot with appropriate permission) or for more than two (2) hours per day in residential areas (for selected permits).

## Permitted Merchandise

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Mobile food vending is limited to ready to eat food products, hot and cold beverages containing no alcohol, and items related to such merchandise.

## Requirements

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- May only conduct business parallel towards the sidewalk/curb (may not park in angled parking spots), from a licensed vehicle or trailer on a public street (four (4) hour parking limit); or, in a private parking lot or on a private road, (with written permission) in commercial and industrial zoned areas of the city (special provision for residential).
- Required parking for the primary business(es) shall be minimally affected and shall not be brought below what is required by City Code.

- Signage shall be permitted on the vehicle to identify the name of the product or the name of the vendor, and the posting of prices. A separate sandwich board is allowed; however, a single side of the sign shall not exceed six (6) square feet in area. This sign must be located on the same property as and within close proximity to the mobile vending unit and should not be placed on the sidewalk or in the public right-of-way so as to impede pedestrian traffic.
- Garbage and recycling receptacles must be made available for patron use and removed from the site daily by the vendor and not placed into city trash receptacles.
- Vendors shall meet all applicable regulations for mobile food units and possess valid health permits from the Clay County Health Department or the applicable health department of the resident county of the mobile food vendor.
- Fire Safety:
  - Mobile food units must comply with the most recently adopted version of the International Fire Code (IFC), International Mechanical Code (IMC), International Fuel Gas (IFG) and all NFPA standards (Section 319 of the IFC).
  - Mobile food units have to be inspected annually by a fire department within the metro area and have a current Heart of America Fire Marshal's Group inspection sticker.
  - Those units producing grease laden vapors require a fire department operational permit, and those with flat-top griddles and/or deep fat fryers shall have a Type 1 exhaust hood containing a code compliant fire suppression system.
- Insurance. Applicants must provide proof of a million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) general liability insurance policy, issued by an insurance company licensed to do business in the state.

## Prohibited Conduct

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- Leave any vehicle unattended.
- Store, park or leave any vehicle overnight on any street or sidewalk; or, in a driveway blocking the sidewalk.
- Use portable signage, including feather flags or attention seeking devices.
- Leave from any location without first picking up, removing and disposing of all trash or refuse remaining from sales made by the vendor.
- Solicit or conduct business with persons other than pedestrians.
- Place any chairs and/or tables on a public sidewalk so as to impede pedestrian traffic.
- Sound or permit the sounding of any device which produces a loud and raucous noise, or use or operate any loudspeaker, public address system, radio sound amplifier or similar device to attract the attention of the public.
- Allow any item relating to the operation of the vending business to lean against or hang from any building or other structure lawfully placed on public property.
- Discharge fat, oil, grease, or waste water into the sanitary sewer system. All waste shall be properly stored and disposed of at a properly designated disposal location.
- Vend on any paved or traveled portion of a sidewalk or street where vending, parking or stopping is otherwise prohibited, or in any handicapped space, fire lane, or loading area; or any grass or landscaped area.
- Violate any federal, state, county or city law or regulation that pertains to food, beverages or the preparation or selling thereof.

To apply for a Mobile Food Unit Business License, contact City of Liberty Licensing at [licensing@libertymo.gov](mailto:licensing@libertymo.gov) or 816.439.4417.