

21.69.120. FOOD TRUCKS AND FOOD TRUCK COURTS

- A. **Purpose and Applicability.** The purpose of this Section is to ensure that food trucks are compatible with surrounding and adjacent uses and do not create an adverse impact on adjacent properties by reason of noise, parking, and litter.
- B. **Special Events that Include Food Trucks.** The provisions of this Section shall not apply to persons operating a food truck as part of a certified farmer's market, an authorized street fair or other event occurring under a special permit issued by the City of Paso Robles, or as allowed by the City in City parks provided that the food truck is part of the event and is complying with all terms of the permit or permits issued for the event.
- C. **Permit Requirements Food Trucks.**
1. **Food Truck (single vehicle operating in one location 7 days or less).** Temporary food trucks lasting less than 7 days in a single location are subject to the requirements of Subsection 21.69.120.D (Operational Requirements for Food Trucks).
 2. **Food Truck (single vehicle operating in one location more than 7 days but less than 1 year).** Temporary food trucks lasting 7 or more days (not to exceed 1 year) in a single location require approval of a Temporary Use Permit (Chapter 21.20). No Temporary Use Permit shall be issued for a food truck unless it conforms to the requirements of Subsections 21.69.120.D (Operational Requirements for Food Trucks).
 3. **Food Truck (single vehicle operating in one location 1 year or more).** Temporary food trucks operating for more than 1 year in a single location shall not operate without the approval of a Site Plan (Chapter 21.17). Applications for a food truck shall conform to the requirements of Subsections 21.69.120.D (Operational Requirements for Food Trucks).
 4. **Food Truck Court (2 or more).** Two or more food trucks located on the same property require approval of a Conditional Use Permit (Chapter 21.19). Applications for a food truck court shall conform to the requirements of this Subsection 21.69.120.D (Operational Requirements for Food Trucks).
- D. **Operational Requirements for Food Trucks.** All food trucks shall comply with the following requirements:
1. **Private Property.** Food trucks shall operate only on private property with an existing commercial use and only as an accessory use to an existing business.
 2. **Written Approval of Owner.** The written approval of the owner of the location shall be obtained. A copy of this approval shall be provided to the Zoning Administrator with the permit application, prior to operating at the location. The vendor shall maintain proof of the owner's approval in the vehicle. The person operating the food truck shall present this proof upon the demand of a peace officer or City employee authorized to enforce.
 3. **Permanent Surface Parking.** The food truck shall only be stopped, standing, or parked on a permanent surface paved with concrete, asphalt, or similar as determined by the review authority.

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4. **Litter Removal.** Each vendor shall provide adequate garbage receptacles accessible to customers for disposal of garbage. The food truck and surrounding property shall be maintained in a safe and clean manner at all times. The mobile vendor shall remove litter caused by its products from any public and private property within a 25-foot radius of the food truck's location.
5. **No Discharge of Liquid.** The vendor shall not discharge any liquid (e.g., water, grease, oil, etc.) onto or into City streets, storm drains, catch basins, or sewer facilities. All discharges shall be contained and properly disposed of by the vendor.
6. **Temporary Shade Structures.** Temporary shade structures shall be removed whenever the food truck is not in operation.
7. **Noise.** The vendor shall be subject to the noise provisions set forth in Chapter 21.82 (Noise). The operation shall at all times be conducted in a manner not detrimental to surrounding properties or residents by reason of lights, noise, activities, parking, or other actions. The vendor shall prohibit loitering at the site and shall control noisy patrons on-site and those leaving the premises. No amplified music or loudspeakers shall be permitted.
8. **Hours of Operation.** Food truck vending hours shall be established by the review authority with the required permit.
9. **Business License Required.** The vendor shall have a valid business license issued by the City pursuant to Municipal Code Title 5 (Permits and Regulations). As part of its application for a business license, the vendor shall furnish to the City evidence of insurance, as deemed acceptable in the reasonable discretion of the City, against liability for death or injury to any person as a result of ownership, operation, or use of its food truck.
10. **Health Permit Required for Food Sales.** Vendors operating a food trucks shall have a valid permit issued by the San Luis Obispo County Health Agency. All required County Health permits shall be in the possession of the mobile food vendor at all times during which it operates within the City.
11. **Fire Department Inspection.** All food trucks shall be inspected and approved by the Paso Robles Fire and Emergency Services Department prior to issuance of its initial business license and from time to time thereafter in the discretion of the Paso Robles Fire and Emergency Services Department. At a minimum, all cooking equipment producing grease-laden vapors shall be protected by a UL 300 listed automatic fire extinguishing system. A Class K fire extinguisher shall be provided within each vending vehicle at an accessible location. All fire protection equipment shall be properly maintained and serviced at intervals required by the California Fire Code.
12. **Circulation.** Food trucks and trailers and associated equipment (such as tables, chairs, garbage receptacles, etc.) shall not alter the circulation pattern of parking lots nor shall they be parked in restricted areas marked for "no parking", "fire lane", etc.
13. **Egress.** Food trucks shall not block egress from a building.

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14. **Equipment Storage.** Food trucks and associated equipment shall not be stored overnight at the location of vending.
15. **Conditions of Approval.** Food trucks shall comply with all conditions of approval required by the review authority approving a temporary use permit, site plan, or conditional use permit.