



FOOD TRUCK ORDINANCE

City Council

03.15.22

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Chapter 5.72 Food Trucks

■ Purpose:

The purpose of this chapter is to regulate motorized, mobile vendors (food truck) activities in order to promote public health, safety and welfare while providing an opportunity for a variety of business activities in a non-traditional manner. The city council hereby finds that, to promote the health, safety and welfare, restrictions on motorized, mobile food vendor (food trucks) activity are necessary in part to:

1. *Ensure no interference with the performance of public safety officers.*
2. *Ensure no interference with pedestrian or vehicular traffic.*
3. *Ensure the safe sale of food and merchandise by providing the public a simple way to ensure food truck operators prepare food safely and according to Riverside Department of Public Health requirements.*
4. *Prevent unsanitary conditions and ensure trash and debris in the areas vending is taking place are removed by food truck operators.*
5. *Ensure reasonable access for the use and maintenance of the public right-of-way.*

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- Definitions
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The Definitions section of this new code provides meanings to words or phrases used in the section of the code.

The intent is to provide consistency and clarity for both applicants and staff when reviewing and making decisions regarding food trucks.

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- **Permits & License Required**
 - *Business License*
 - *Food Truck Permit*
 - *Health Department Approval*
 - *Sellers Permit*
 - *Liability Insurance*

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- Health Permit Required
 - *Health Department approval must be visible at all time*
 - *Quarterly inspections of all food trucks operating within the City*
 - *More than 3 reports of food borne illness are grounds for revocation*

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■ General Operational Standards

- *Shall not operate in residential neighborhoods unless permitted as part of a special event*
- *Shall not operate within 1 block of a restaurant, other food truck event, school or park*
- *Shall not operate on an undeveloped lot without a permit*
- *Hours of operation 6am – 12 midnight*
- *Compliance with noise and dark sky ordinances*
- *No sales or service of alcohol unless permitted as part of a special event*
- *Must provide trash and recycling containers*
- *Proof of proper disposal of fats, oils & grease*

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■ Food Trucks on Private Property

- *Must have a permit & License*
- *Must park on paved portions of the lot*
- *A minimum of 2 onsite parking spaces must be provided*
- *No overnight parking of food truck at a vending site*
- *Uncovered seating may be provided*

■ Food Trucks on Right-of-Way

- *Must be in a legal parking space*
 - *Sidewalk adjacent for service*
 - *No “street side” food service*
- *Limited to 4 hours per day on the same block*
- *No on-site seating, take and go only*

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- Business license fees are application based
- Food Truck Permit is based on staff review time until a new fee is set
- Business Licenses must be renewed each year by July 1
- Food Truck Permit renewal will be subject to terms at the time of issuance

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■ Revocation

- *More than 3 reports of food borne illness*
- *Falsification of information*
- *Non-Compliance*
- *Revocation is for a period of 12 months*

■ Appeals

- *Food Truck Permit revocation can be appealed to City Council*
- *Business Licenses have their own established revocation process in Title 5 Business Taxes, Licenses and Regulations*
- *Special Events have their own appeal process in Chapter 9.03 Regulation of Special Events*

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Next Steps

- Public Hearing and Planning Commission recommendation to City Council
- Staff will incorporate any appropriate changes
- Public Hearing and First Reading of the Ordinance at City Council March 15
- Second Reading of the Ordinance at City Council on April 5
- Ordinance takes effect 30 days after approval



The Planning Department welcomes your input

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