

Mobile Food Vendor Temporary Commercial Use Permit Guidelines

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A Temporary Commercial Use Permit (TCUP) for a Mobile Food Vendor allows a property to be used for mobile food vendor(s) on a temporary basis. An application will be assessed according to the following guidelines:

- A Mobile Vendor TCUP can only be issued in the areas designated in the City's Official Community Plan as Industrial, Mixed Employment, Commercial, Neighbourhood Shopping Center, Mixed Use and Limited Mixed Use, and Agricultural (outside of the ALR) where deemed appropriate.
- A Mobile Vendor TCUP is issued for an initial period of 2 years; a subsequent application can be made to the City for one renewal extension for a TCUP for a period of 2 years
- A Mobile Vendor must ensure their footprint does not exceed 10% of available onsite parking spaces.
- The sale or rendering of service to customers must be completed within a short transaction period.
- There should be no undue noise or offensive odours coming from the vending unit.
- The generator used to power the food truck does not create a nuisance (noise, odor, etc.) to residents and other business operators in the vicinity.
- All items related to the operation of the vending unit must be stored inside the vending unit, outside of operating hours.
- Merchandise and/or food must be easily carried by pedestrians.
- Mobile food vendors are responsible for ensuring proper disposal of any garbage resulting from their operation.
- The mobile vendor(s) must to comply with public health requirements, particularly with respect to food items and other health and safety issues, if applicable.
- The mobile vendor(s) will need to comply with applicable Richmond Fire-Rescue Department and National Protection Association Regulations.

Application Requirements

- A completed application form with contact information is required.
- If you are an agent (non-property owner) acting on behalf of a property owner, a letter of authorization is required.
- A site plan showing the generalized layout of the proposed use is required. Specific requirements are outlined below.
- A completed Food Truck Parking Worksheet is required.
- City will provide public notification and collect feedback from local business owners and tenants located on the subject property. This notification process will take approximately 2 weeks.
- There is a \$100 non-refundable application fee, which will be collected prior to the issuance of a permit. The fee is not required at the submission of an application.
- A business licence for individual mobile food vendor(s) is required before operation, an application for a business licence can be obtained concurrently with the TCUP process.



Renewal Application Requirements

- A completed application form with contact information is required.
- If you are an agent (non-property owner) acting on behalf of a property owner, a letter of authorization is required.
- If there are changes to the site plan or Food Truck Parking Worksheet, a revised site plan showing the layout and parking requirements of the proposed use is required.
- There is a \$100 non-refundable application fee, which will be collected prior to the issuance of a permit.

Mobile Food Vendor Site Plan Requirements:

- A site plan showing the layout of the proposed use is required when submitting an application.
- If there are changes to the site plan, a revised site plan showing the layout of the proposed use is required.
- Development of the site plan should consider, the following information:
 - Provide the business name and address
 - Clearly show the location of the mobile food vendor and any related installations or equipment on-site including tables, stands, generators, traffic cones and tents.
 - Clearly show the location of queuing or waiting areas.
 - Clearly identify the location of any proposed temporary signage in support of the mobile food vendor, including type/size of signage.
 - Identify and label current applicable features of the subject property, including but not limited to:
 - Existing parking stalls, drive-aisles, loading bays, and vehicle access/egress to the site.
 - Identify and label the adjacent roadway or street.
 - Location of building(s) on the site.
 - Location of existing pedestrian improvements/installations (on-site walkways, paths etc.).
 - Location of any existing on-site landscaping or fencing.
 - Other site features relevant to the proposed mobile food vendor location.
 - Provide metric measurements to identify the general footprint area of the mobile food vendor operation and where
 applicable, distances to property lines, existing buildings and other site features necessary to facilitate vehicle
 movements/circulation and ensure emergency vehicle access and circulation.