

GUIDE TO FOOD TRUCK REGULATIONS

The City of Sanford has enacted a set of regulations addressing the increase of mobile food vendors, commonly known as **food trucks**, throughout our community. These regulations will go into effect **February 1st, 2023**.

WHAT IS A MOBILE FOOD VENDOR?

A mobile food vendor is any licensed, motorized vehicle or food unit that sells food, drink, or other consumable products. Mobile food vendors may operate as a food truck, food trailer, food cart, or other similar mobile or temporarily parked vehicle.

WHERE CAN I OPERATE MY FOOD TRUCK?

Mobile food vendors can operate on any already-developed commercially- or industrially-zoned property **with the property owner's permission**.

Mobile food vendors may also operate in residentially-zoned areas designated as common open space and owned by an HOA (typically pools, clubhouses, and other community-oriented areas in a neighborhood).

Mobile food vendors may not utilize vacant lots to operate; they must set up on property already used by an existing principal use.

Mobile food vendors may operate in public parks, but only with authorization from the City's Park Administrator, Caroline Jeffries (919-777-1203 or caroline.jeffries@sanfordnc.net).



WHAT ABOUT SPECIAL EVENTS WITH MULTIPLE FOOD TRUCKS?

Any private business, charity, civic organization, church, or other group may host special events with multiple food trucks. They'll simply need to obtain a **Temporary Use Permit** for their event, notify the Police Department (919-775-8268), and check with the Fire Marshal's Office to ensure all safety requirements are met (919-777-1300).

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO TO OPERATE IN SANFORD?

Fill out a **Mobile Food Vendor Application** and submit it to the Planning Department (zoning@sanfordnc.net or 919-718-4656) for review. There is a **\$25 fee**, which is good for an **entire calendar year!** Please also let Lee County Environmental Health know that you plan to operate in our county (envhealth@leecountync.gov or 919-718-4641).



WHAT ARE THE NEW REGULATIONS?

Mobile food vendors must:

- Be limited to one (1) mobile food unit per parcel/lot
- Park at least 15 feet away from fire hydrants
- Avoid parking in ADA handicap-accessible parking spaces
- Only operate between 6AM and 12AM (midnight)
- Provide adequate solid waste receptacles
- Refrain from dumping liquid waste or grease onto sidewalks, streets, storm drains, or tree pits.
- Use signs that comply with Article 11 of our Unified Development Ordinance
- Supply their own independent electrical source (generator, etc.)
- Remain in compliance with all NC DHHS health code regulations (specifically § 15A NCAC 18A.2670 regarding sanitary food handling regulations).