

What is a Mobile Food Unit?

A food establishment preparing and serving foods from a self-contained vehicle, either motorized or within a trailer, that is readily movable without disassembling, for transport to another location.



What do I need before operating a mobile food unit?

- **License** issued by Business Licensing (see right column)
- **Permission of property owner**
- All mobile food units must operate in conjunction with a **licensed commercial kitchen** or commissary for food preparation and storage when not performed in the mobile food unit.

How to Apply

1. Apply for license through Business Licensing.
2. Schedule vehicle inspection with the Environmental Health Division prior to operating.
3. Environmental Health Division will review & act on the license application.

Key City Code Requirements

Please see **Section 21.302.18** of the City of Bloomington Code. Requirements are also summarized on the back of this page.

Please Note

- Submit license application at least 10 days prior to operating
- See Temporary Food License Requirements Information Sheet for food safety and equipment regulations

License Options

Most operators can choose to apply for any the following licenses:

- \$346 for annual mobile food unit license (operate at multiple locations)

-OR-

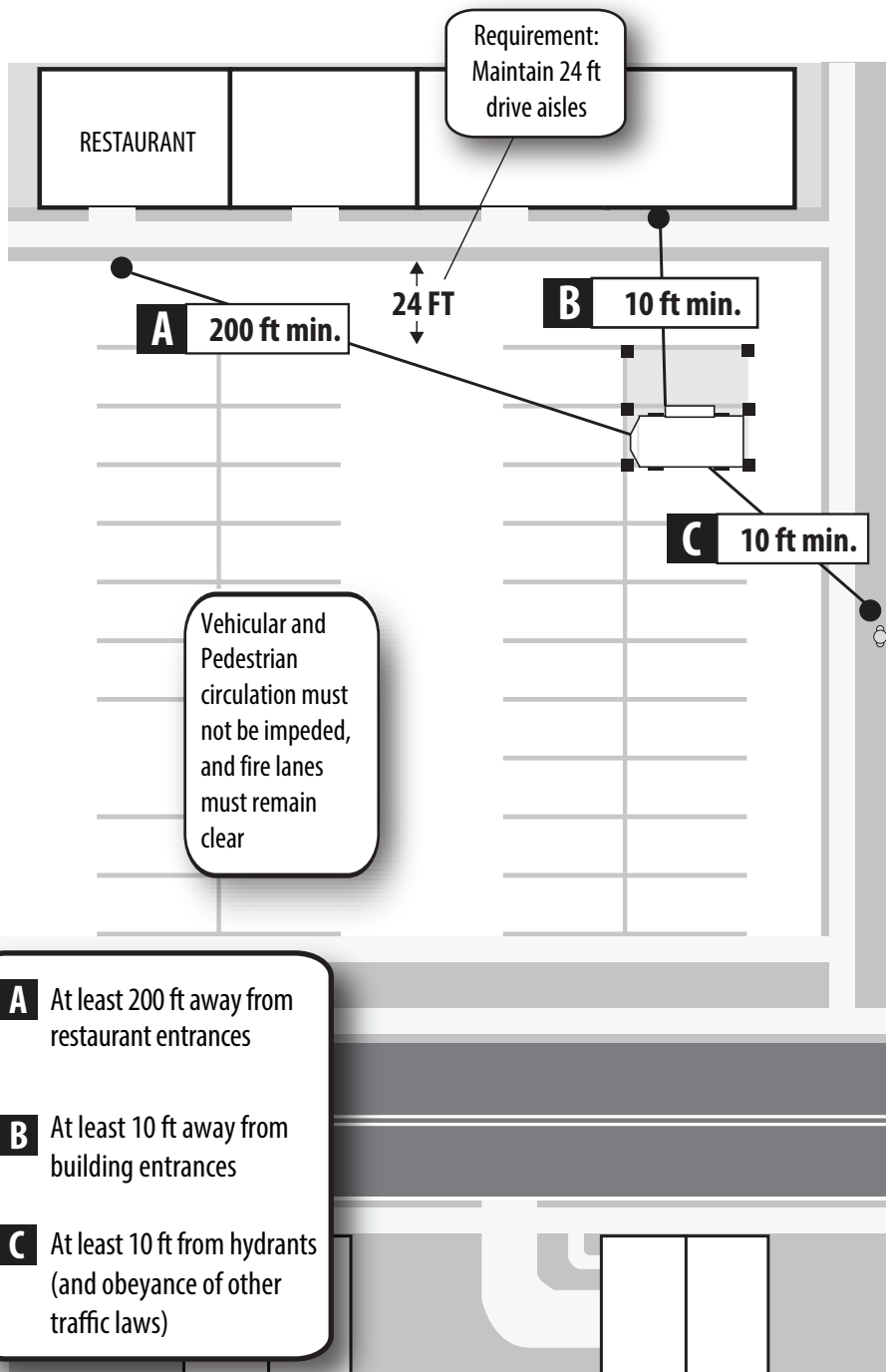
- \$288 for four to 21 day temporary food license (only at one location)

-OR-

- \$173 for one to three day temporary food license (only at one location)

Where can I operate a mobile food unit?

- Coordinate with the property owner of a site to determine an appropriate location that meets Code requirements
- Operation in residential areas may be allowed. Ask staff about residential requirements.
- On-street operation is generally not allowed
- Additional requirements are listed below and to the right



Hours of Operation

- 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. in non-residential locations
- 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. in residential locations
- Must depart from site when not in operation

Requirements

- Provide trash bin & keep site in neat and orderly fashion
- Limit of three food trucks per site (when not part of an event)
- Food trucks must be at least 10 ft away from each other
- Obey traffic laws
- Be located on a paved surface
- Any signage must be attached to the vehicle

Prohibitions

- No waste, liquids, garbage, or refuse may be disposed anywhere other than at a licensed food establishment
- No sound amplification, noisemakers, or flashing lights
- Mobile food units cannot be stored or maintained on residentially zoned properties
- No parking in fire lanes

Need more information?

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Environmental Health Division

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Or come visit us Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:30pm at city hall:

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