



Mobile Food Vehicle Vendor



In 2010 Minneapolis passed an ordinance allowing mobile food vehicle vendors to operate in the city. They have experienced tremendous popularity each year to where there are now over 90 licensed mobile food vehicle vendors operating in the city.

Approved Location Map: <http://tinyurl.com/MPLSFoodTruckAreas>

Requirements

- **Must display current license decal on vehicle and carry license certificate in vehicle**
MCO 188.485(e)(4)
- **Must display obstruction permit if parked in the bus lane** *MCO 430.30(2)*
- **Must pay parking meter(s)** *MCO 188.485(c)(5)(b)*
 - **May utilize 2 spaces and “plug” parking meters** *MCO 188.485(c)(5)(e)*
- **Must obey all traffic laws, including specially posted parking regulations, for example no parking 7:00 AM-9:00 AM** *MCO 188.485(c)(4)*

Must maintain and utilize a licensed Commercial Kitchen in the City of Minneapolis. *MCO 188.485(b)(2)*

Prohibited Acts

- **Operating within 100 feet of a restaurant or sidewalk café on the same block face**
MCO 188.485(c)(4)
- **Operating within 500 feet of an entrance to a regional sports facility (Target Field, Target Center, Viking Stadium – once complete)** *MCO 188.485(c)(10)*
- **Operating within 500 feet of a block event, community festival, fair, etc.** *MCO 188.485(c)(9)*
- **Operating within 200 feet of Park Board property without Park Board permit**
MCO 188.485(c)(11)
- **Operating outside of legal operating hours (6:00AM-Midnight or 7:00AM-10:00PM if located within 300 ft of a residential building)** *MCO 188.485(f)(4)*
- **Parking within 20' crosswalks at an intersection, 30' of traffic signs and signals, etc. per MN Statute 169.34**
MCO 188.485(c)(5)(k)
- **Blocking sidewalks (customers, signs, etc.)** *MCO 466.240(a)*
- **Reserving or blocking a parking space for a mobile food vehicle** *MCO 188.485(c)(5)(h)*
- **Sound emanating from vehicle from radio, television, speakers, etc.** *MCO 188.485(f)(5)*
- **Signage, seating or equipment not contained within the vehicle** *MCO 188.485(f)(11)*
- **Failing to obey the direction of an authorized city official** *MCO 188.485(f)(9)*
- **Operating outside of Zoning Compliance (in a residential area etc)** *MCO 188.485(c)(6)*

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Mobile food vendors that violate these regulations will be issued violation notices and/or citations and may be restricted from operating in the location in which they were found in violation. Further information can be obtained by contacting the inspector listed below or by accessing the City of Minneapolis website at www.minneapolismn.gov

Questions?

Call License Inspector

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