

Section 96-030 Locations

A mobile food unit may only operate in the locations and under the conditions set forth in this section:

1. A mobile food unit may operate in a commercial or industrial parking lot (within the zoned area of B-1 and B-2) with the written consent of the property owner.
2. A mobile food unit may operate in a residential zoning district if on private property for catering purposes (such as a private graduation party or wedding) and not open for sales to the general public, with the written consent of the property owner.
3. No food unit shall be parked within 50 feet of a brick-and-mortar operational restaurant in the city unless it is owned and operated by that restaurant.
4. An out-of-service (not working properly, inoperable) mobile food unit may not be stored within city limits unless inside of a fully-enclosed structure.

Section 96-040 Performance Standards

A mobile food unit permit holder is subject to the following performance standards, and said permit holder is responsible for the adherence to said standards by any of their employees and agents while said employees and agents are operating the mobile food unit:

1. Mobile food units must meet all requirements of the Minnesota State Fire Code.
2. Mobile food units may only conduct sales between seven o'clock (7:00) A.M. and eleven o'clock (11:00) P.M.
3. Waste generated by the mobile food unit must be transported out of the city daily and disposed of in accordance with all Federal, State, and local regulations. Grey water may not be drained into city stormwater drains.
4. A mobile food unit is not required to obtain a sign permit from the city. However, no additional signage is permitted beyond that which is on the mobile food unit unless it meets the following requirements:
 - a. One single sandwich board style sign is permitted per mobile food unit;
 - b. The maximum sign size is eight (8) square feet;
 - c. The sign must be placed on the ground and within ten feet (10') of the mobile food unit;
 - d. The sign must not be placed in a manner that hinders passage upon any sidewalk;
 - e. The sign must not be placed within the improved travel surface of the public right-of-way except with the express written permission of the city; and
 - f. The sign cannot project from the mobile food unit or be mounted to the roof of the mobile food unit.

5. The mobile food unit may have a maximum bumper to bumper length of no more than 20 feet.
6. A mobile food unit must provide an independent power supply that is screened from public view.
7. A mobile food unit must have at least one 2A:20BC fire extinguisher in the mobile food unit. If deep frying occurs in the mobile food unit, then the mobile food unit must have at least 1 Class K fire extinguisher in the mobile food unit. Each fire extinguisher must display an inspection tag dated within the past 12 months.
8. Propane tanks must be attached or secured to the mobile food unit and must be adequately ventilated.
9. A permit holder must comply with all laws, ordinances, regulations, parking zones and posted signs