

TA21-001: Ordinance 1 (Applicant)

Food Truck Courts

SECTION 1: Definition:

a) *Definition:*

- 1) **A Food Truck Court** is any parcel of land or structure for which the primary purpose is to allow Food Truck vending to occur. A Food Truck Court may also itself function as a business entity (i.e., restaurant, bar, or retailer).
- 2) **A Food Truck** is a truck, trailer, or other vehicle from which food and/or beverages are sold to the general public.

b) *Location.* Food Truck Courts will be allowed on private property located within city limits.

c) *Developer requirements.* The developer of the Food Truck Court will be responsible for adhering to site development standards, drafting court rules, hiring a court manager, and meeting all permitting requirements.

d) *Zoning requirements.* The property must be located within one of the following zoning districts:

- 1) Neighborhood Commercial
- 2) Limited Commercial
- 3) Community Commercial
- 4) Mixed Use
- 5) Downtown
- 6) Light Industrial
- 7) Heavy Industrial

SECTION 2: Exceptions for Food Trucks operating in Food Truck Courts.

a) *Vendor requirements.* Food Trucks are subject to existing regulations not specifically listed in the following exemptions.

b) *Hours of operation:* Food Trucks are only restricted by the operating hours of the Food Truck Court in which they operate. Food Trucks may not operate on site during hours in which the Food Truck Court is closed; however, Food Trucks may remain parked at that location at all times.

c) *Location:*

- 1) Food Trucks must operate from the designated, approved Food Truck Court site locations.

- 2) Food Truck Court site locations are not restricted by distance from other restaurants, dining areas, or residential zoning districts.
 - 3) Food Truck Court site locations must be 15 feet from fire hydrants, utility boxes or vaults.
 - 4) Food Truck Court site locations must be 10 feet from sidewalks, building entrances and emergency exits.
 - 5) Food Truck Court site locations must be reasonably clear of handicap ramps and paths of egress.
- d) *Signage and Waste Management:* Signage and waste are regulated at the Food Truck Court level and will be covered under “Requirements for Food Truck Courts.”
- e) *Exceptions.* By conditional use permit, the Planning Commission may grant an exception to these provisions.

SECTION 3: Requirements for Food Truck Courts.

- a) *Site requirements.*
- 1) Cost of Food Truck Court permit (if approved): see fee schedule.
 - 2) All plans for site work, installation, construction, utility connections, signs and operation must be approved by all pertinent departments, including but not limited to health, fire, public works, traffic, building inspections, and zoning.
 - 3) The following site requirements must be met in order to issue a permit:
 - A site plan showing the layout of the Food Truck Court and position of Food Truck sites must be submitted.
 - A safe separation between Food Trucks must be maintained and clear of obstructions sufficient to provide emergency access to any food truck.
 - Each Food Truck shall be located on an all-weather surface (i.e., concrete, asphalt, or graded and compacted gravel). All Food Truck units shall be placed on this surface and in no case shall they be parked on unimproved surfaces.
 - Electrical service must be provided by the Food Truck Courts for each individual Food Truck by a permitted electrical contractor. Refer to the city's electrical permit requirements.
 - One main water connection that meets the city's plumbing permit requirements must be provided for on-site use.

- *Accessible Restroom Facilities:* restrooms must be provided within a permanent structure and must be in compliance as set forth by the Americans with Disabilities Act. The number of restrooms required may vary depending on the size of the Food Truck Court.
- *Garbage Receptacle:* at minimum, one two-yard commercial garbage receptacle shall be provided and must be located on site and accessible to all Food Trucks. A minimum of one twenty-gallon garbage receptacle per two Food Trucks will be accessible to patrons in seating area(s), and each seating area will have at least one twenty-gallon garbage receptacle. A larger garbage receptacle may be required depending on lot size and number of Food Trucks on site. Any dumpster must include required dumpster enclosure as per city's garbage ordinance.
- *Parking:* a minimum of two parking spaces for every one Food Truck is required.
- *Signage:* one sign identifying the Food Truck Court is permitted. No Food Truck shall be allowed to install any physical addition to the Food Truck Court sign. The Food Truck itself should function as a large-scale sign. Each Food Truck is allowed one temporary, free-standing sign placed within eight feet of the ordering window.
- *Seating area(s):* seating must be provided for patrons within the proposed site. Seating layout must be included in site plan.
- *Grease trap:* a grease interceptor based on ordinance and the International Plumbing Code must be installed. The city must approve grease trap installments at the time of site plan review.

SECTION 4: Violations and non-compliance for Food Truck Courts.

- a) If the city determines that activities are being carried out in violation of this chapter, a notification of non-compliance shall be issued to the developer and a penalty may be applied.
- b) All issues of non-compliance will have to be corrected within 15 working days. If the developer fails to correct issues, then the issued permit may be suspended or revoked.