

# MOBILE FOOD SALES



## To: Potential Mobile Retail Food Vendors

This policy of the Community Development Department applies to pushcarts and food trucks, as defined by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. All other itinerant sales shall conform to the provisions of Section 26-627 of the Wheat Ridge Code of Laws. This policy does not apply to mobile retailers associated with special events, private parties, or farmers' markets; but licensing requirements may still apply.

**Pushcarts** are retail food establishments that are non-motorized, non-self propelled units designed so foods are served from the exterior of the unit. They are intended to physically report to and operate from a commissary for servicing, restocking, and maintenance.

**Mobile Retail Food Establishments ("Food Trucks")** are retail food establishments that report to and operate from a commissary and are readily moveable. They are motorized wheeled vehicles, or towed wheeled vehicles designed and equipped to serve food.

Mobile retail food establishments and pushcarts are temporary uses, permitted under the following conditions:

- a. Mobile food sales are only permitted on private property that is commercially or industrially zoned or on property in any zone district with an institutional or semi-public use.
- b. Written approval of the property owner is required to be submitted with a business license application.
- c. Mobile food sales are not permitted in the public right-of-way.
- d. The food sales must be ancillary to an existing primary use. An active construction site is considered a primary use.
- e. Only one food merchant is allowed per principal use.
- f. Sales may include only food and non-alcoholic beverages.
- g. Hours of operation shall be between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. for no more than four (4) total hours per day at any one location.
- h. Food trucks and pushcarts shall be parked only on paved surfaces. In the case of an active construction site where a paved surface may be unavailable or unbuilt, a vendor shall be parked on an approved material that minimizes the tracking of dirt into the street and complies with the approved stormwater management plan.
- i. Operation shall not obstruct the visibility of motorists or pedestrians; interfere with the sight distance triangle; impede parking lot circulation; block access to a public street, alley or sidewalk; impede handicap or emergency access; or unreasonably reduce the area required for parking for any other use on the lot.
- j. Site plan approval by the Community Development Department is required.
- k. Signage must be permanently affixed to or painted on pushcarts and food trucks—projecting signs are not permitted. One portable sign per vendor is allowed with a sign permit—up to six (6) square feet per side, A-frame or pedestal style only.
  - l. Permanent structures, accessory furniture (canopies, tables, chairs, etc) and amplified music are not permitted.
  - m. Any lighting must be indirect.
  - n. Operators shall be responsible for the storage and daily disposal of all trash, refuse, and litter. No liquid wastes shall be discharged from the food truck onto the ground (with the exception of clean ice melt).
  - o. A business license is required and all health department regulations must be met.
  - p. Permits shall be prominently displayed to the public in the food handling area during operation.

If at any time a business license, health department certificate, or property owner permission is revoked or suspended, approval from the Community Development Department is revoked or suspended simultaneously.

