

# MOBILE FOOD VENDING



**DEPARTMENT OF  
COMMUNITY PLANNING  
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Mobile food vending adds variety and vibrancy to the urban food landscape. It also provides an opportunity for talented foodies to sell their delicious wares.

Parksville recognizes the value mobile food vending offers to the city's residents and visitors, but also recognizes the need to balance these establishments with brick and mortar restaurants and cafes as well as other considerations such as zoning and street parking.

The City regulates mobile vending through its zoning bylaw and business licence program. All mobile food vendors operating in the city require a valid business licence.

## DEFINITIONS

**Food and beverage sales** means *an accessory use where food and beverages are sold to the public from a concession contained within a building, a mobile food cart, or a food concession vehicle and is for immediate consumption.*

**Food catering facility** means *a business which...serves prepared food to the public for consumption on or off the premises, including a coffee shop, delicatessen, restaurant, drive-through restaurant, mobile food cart or food concession vehicle.*

**Food concession vehicle** means *the temporary use of a travel trailer, truck, van or other vehicle of not more than 10 metres in length for the preparation and sale of food or beverage in compliance with provincial health regulations for immediate consumption.*

## ALLOWABLE ZONES

Mobile food vending is permitted on private property (with owner's permission) in zones that list 'food catering facility,' 'food and beverage sales,' 'food concession vehicle,' or 'restaurant' as a permitted use. These include: I-1, C-1, C-3, CS-1, CS-2, CS-3, CD-7, CD-23, CD-25, CT-1, RA-2A, MWC-1, CTX-1, NC-1, DRC-1. See zoning bylaw for full information.

## REGULATIONS

### Mobile vending units:

- are permitted only in zones allowing for food sales;
- must be removed from public access when not in use (only applies to mobile food carts);
- should be carefully located on a property to avoid conflict with the permanent uses of the property;
- shall not create obstacles for patrons of other business, and those waiting in line for food should not obstruct other patrons either;
- shall not locate on City streets, parks or public rights of way, unless specifically permitted as part of a special event.

## COMMUNITY PARK

The City has made two pads available for use by mobile food vendors in the Community Park during late spring and summer months. Usually, the Parksville and District Chamber of Commerce organizes and authorizes which mobile food vendor may use the pads. Contact the Parksville and District Chamber for information.

## BUSINESS LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

A City of Parksville business licence or intercommunity business licence allowing operation in Parksville is required for any mobile food vendor operating within city boundaries.

Prior to receiving a business licence, the applicant should be in contact with an Environmental Health Officer at Island Health. The City will require a report approving the licence from the Officer prior to issuing a business licence.

The City requires a mobile food vendor vehicle to be self-contained and capable of providing its own source of water, waste disposal and recycling. If a generator is required, it shall have a manufacturer issued maximum noise level of 60 decibels.



## Photo Captions

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