



FOOD TRUCK ORDINANCE

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Special Conditions and Instructions

1. Food trucks shall operate within a level parking area, where it can be demonstrated that any off-street parking spaces located in that area are not otherwise reserved, encumbered, or designated to satisfy the off-street parking requirement of a business or activity that is operating at the same time as the food truck.
2. Vendors shall not use or permit use of parking spaces on the site (e.g., customer queuing, tables, chairs, portable restrooms, signs, and any other ancillary equipment) if doing so will adversely affect the required off-street parking available for the primary use(s) of the site during peak periods as determined by the Planning Director or designee, and/or Director of Public Safety.
3. Vendors shall have adequate lighting to ensure customer safety either on the vehicle or at the location of the vehicle during business hours.
4. No food truck shall display free standing signs, sandwich board, or banners. Any signage shall be attached to the vehicle.
5. No food truck shall be located within fifty feet (50') of any street or roadway intersection, crosswalk, fire hydrant, signal crossing, or bus stop.
6. No food truck shall locate their operation in such a way that would restrict the ingress or egress from the adjoining property.
7. No vendor shall sell food and beverage items not regulated under the California Retail Food Code (California Health and Safety Code Division 104, Part 7, Section 113700 et seq., or as may be amended from time to time).
8. No vendor shall locate their operation in such a way that would restrict accessibility routes and curb cuts.
9. No vendor shall roll up onto the sidewalk or cause traffic to be blocked or delayed.
10. No vendor shall locate their operation in such a way that would restrict access to trash enclosures.
11. No vendor shall locate their operation in such a way that would restrict off-street parking.
12. No vendor shall conduct business with customers in moving cars.
13. Vendors shall provide a visible trash receptacle for use by customers.

14. Vendors shall regularly pick up, remove, and dispose of all trash or refuse from their operation within two hundred feet (200') of the vendor's position. Regularly means not less than every one hour. For vendors that operate less than one hour at a location, the vendor shall pick up, remove and dispose of all trash or refuse prior to leaving the location. Except as may be otherwise authorized by an Administrative Use Permit, the vendor shall remove and transport all trash or refuse from its operation away from the location and shall dispose of it only as allowed by this code.

15. Vendors shall not dump any wastewater; neither fresh or gray into storm drains, water ways or any other unauthorized locations.

16. No vending shall occur between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. and no overnight parking shall be permitted. Through the permit process, the Planning Director or designee at their sole discretion may impose shorter hours of operation or allow longer hours of operation depending on the type of vending and location.

17. Whenever operating for more than a one (1) hour period, no vendor shall operate more than two hundred feet (200') travel distance of an approved and readily available toilet and hand-washing facility to ensure that restroom facilities are available to the food truck permit holder and any of its employees.

18. No vendor shall vend within three hundred feet (300') of a special event for one hour before, during or one hour after the reserved event time, unless the vendor is approved by the event's sponsor to participate in the event, and has a valid Administrative Use Permit.

19. Vendors shall not use City utility connections, including water and electricity, without prior written approval from the City.

20. Vendors shall not leave vehicles or items unattended or stored on public property.

21. All vendors shall comply with the California Vehicle Code and California Health and Safety Code.

22. Food trucks may not operate in an exclusively residentially zoned district in the City, except for private events with an Administrative Use Permit or other City-issued permit. Food trucks may be parked on the street adjacent to the private property hosting the event, but must be moved once the event is over.

23. Vendors shall not operate in an unsafe manner, including but not limited to, impeding on- or offsite vehicle circulation and obstructing the view of pedestrians by motorists.

24. Food sales (not including set-up and take-down) shall be limited to a maximum of six (6) hours of continuous operation at a single location in a seventy-two (72) hour period, unless otherwise authorized by permit or entitlement issued by the City. For purposes of this Section, "a single location" shall extend to a five hundred (500') foot radius of the original location. When a food truck is operating on private property and exclusively to support onsite employees, it may operate

beyond the six-hour time limit as long as employees are present. The City may waive the 500-foot separation at special events to allow a variety of food trucks to serve the guests of the event.

25. All vendors shall have a valid City of Guadalupe business license.

26. No food truck shall operate on Guadalupe Street (Highway 1) or West Main Street (Highway 166).

27. An AUP for food trucks is valid for twelve months and shall be renewed each subsequent year along with proof of a Health Department permit and City Business License.

For Food Trucks that operate within City Right-of-Way, or on public property, the following conditions apply:

1. No food truck shall locate within any public street adjacent to a curb which has been duly designated by the City as a loading or no parking zone.

2. The vehicle shall be legally parked and shall not stop, stand, or park in any clear vision triangle.

3. Vehicles shall not occupy more than two on-street parking spaces in the public right-of-way in commercial zones.

4. When operating within the right-of-way of a street within the City, vendors shall limit food and beverage service to that side of the food truck facing away from the street.

5. As part of the AUP for a food truck permit, Vendors shall be required to indemnify, defend and hold the City, its officials, officers, employees, agents, and volunteers harmless from and against all claims, demands, losses, expenses, and other liabilities (including without limitation reasonable attorney fees and costs of litigation) of every nature arising out of or in connection with operation of the food truck on City right-of-way, regardless of fault, unless the injuries or damages are the result of the City's sole negligence or willful misconduct.

6. As part of the AUP for a food truck permit, Vendors shall be required to provide evidence of (1) liability insurance in the amount of not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence, two million dollars (\$2,000,000) aggregate covering liability associated with operation of the food truck; and (2) automobile insurance in the amount of not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) commercial auto liability coverage. The insurance shall be at vendor's sole cost and expense and shall be in full force and effect at any time the vendor is operating in the City. Prior to operations, the vendor shall deliver to the City a certificate of insurance which includes all required coverages, endorsements, and names the City of Guadalupe as additionally insured and as the certificate holder.