



# Mobile Food Vendors Information

The City of Omaha encourages the coexistence of mobile food vendors and permanent food establishments, providing appropriate places for each within the fabric of the city, and accommodating the interests of each, with the goal of achieving a rich and diverse community.

On Nov. 1, 2016, the City Council passed and approved Ordinance 40930, which amended Omaha Municipal Code Chapter 11 by adding a new Article X entitled "Mobile Food Vendors," consisting of new sections 11-331 through 11-341; to regulate, and require licenses for mobile food vendors. Inside you will find information on the application process, fees, renewal and regulations.

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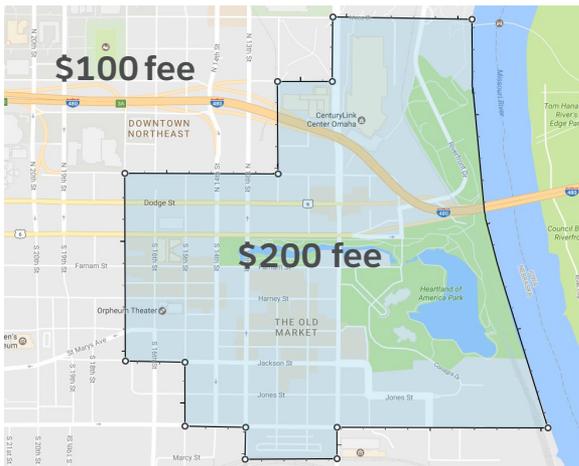
## APPLICATION

- ▶ All mobile food vendors must file a signed application form with Park Omaha. Application forms can be retrieved from the Park Omaha offices or online at [ParkOmaha.com](http://ParkOmaha.com).
- ▶ Along with the application, all vendors must include a copy of the Douglas County Health Department approval for the sale of food, a copy of the State of Nebraska sales tax permit and a copy of the vehicle's insurance policy.
- ▶ Grounds for application denial include an incomplete application, nonpayment of applicable fees, an application not in conformance with applicable laws or codes, or an applicant who has been convicted of three or more separate violations within the 12 months preceding the application's submission.



## FEES

Mobile food vendor permits are \$100 for each motor vehicle, trailer, cart or other piece of equipment to be used. An additional \$100 will be charged if the vendor is primarily operating within the Downtown Omaha Business Improvement District. Permits shall be renewed annually at the same cost.



## RENEWAL

All permits expire on December 31 of the year in which they are issued. Applications for renewal must be filed on a yearly basis.



# SUMMARY OF ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

(For exact language, see Omaha Municipal Code)

- › Vendors cannot locate within 50 feet of a permanent food establishment during hours food is sold unless the establishment offers written consent.
- › Vehicle must not exceed 40 feet in length and 96 inches in width, unless otherwise authorized.
- › If a trailer is being towed, the total length of the vehicle and trailer must not exceed 60 feet.
- › If a parking space is unmetered, but limited by a sign or other designation to two-hour parking, you may remain at that space for four consecutive hours.
- › If a parking space is metered, but limited to two-hour parking, you must pay the meter and can remain at that space for four consecutive hours.
- › Vehicles cannot be parked in diagonal parking.
- › The City of Omaha may prohibit locations where mobile food vendors may park at any time.
- › Food truck customers shall not stand in the street.
- › All mobile food trucks not parked within the city's right-of-way must have written permission of the property owners as well as a temporary use permit, if applicable.
- › Mobile food vendors may not sell from school properties or parks without written permission.
- › Mobile food vendors may not sell within 200 feet of a block party, street show, etc. unless permission is granted from the applicant of the party, show, etc.
- › Mobile food vendors may not sell within the College World Series area without permission from the City, MECA or the NCAA during the CWS time period as designated in Omaha Municipal Code 38-82.
- › Vendors must always be able to present the permit issued by the City, vehicle insurance, the Douglas County Health Certificate and the Sales Tax Certificate.
- › The City of Omaha Public Works Department or the Omaha Police Department may order a mobile food vendor to move if the location causes an obstruction or otherwise endangers the health or safety of the general public.
- › A representative must be present with the vehicle at all times.
- › Mobile food vendors can only serve between the hours of 6 a.m. and 2:30 a.m., seven days a week. The Omaha Police Department may limit those hours if necessary.



## SUMMARY OF ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS CONTINUED

(For exact language, see Omaha Municipal Code)

- › Mobile food vendors are permitted one menu sign or identification sign and one table (not for sitting), which shall be directly adjacent to the vehicle. No other signage, tables, or other obstructions are permitted.
- › Mobile food vendors must provide an adequate trash container for customers. All litter within 20 feet of the vehicle's location must be picked up. No garbage relating to the vendor's operation may be disposed of in a public garbage container.
- › Mobile food vendors who occupy two metered parking stalls must pay both meters.
- › Mobile food vendors cannot sell alcoholic beverages or alcoholic food items.
- › Mobile food vendors shall comply with Omaha Municipal Code relating to noise.



## GROUND FOR REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF PERMIT

- › Any fraud, misrepresentation or false statements contained within the permit application.
- › Any fraud, misrepresentation or false statements made in connection with selling food.
- › Any violations within Chapter 11 of the Omaha Municipal Code.
- › Conducting business in an unlawful manner.
- › A person whose permit has been revoked may not reapply for six months.
- › Revocation shall result from three violations of any of the aforementioned regulations and others within a 12-month period of time.
- › Notice will be given regarding any suspension or revocation of a permit.
- › A permit holder may appeal through the City of Omaha's Administrative Appeals Board.