

## City Plan Board Recommendation

Section 30-12X. Special Event with “Food Truck Vendor Sales”.

The intent of this regulation is to allow business/property owners to use food truck as a promotional tool as a special event. In addition to the special event permits allowed under Section 30-67 (g), the city manager, or designee may consider an application from any establishment within the CCD zoning district for a permit to operate a Special Event with Food Truck vendor sales. The applicant shall submit an application, and pay the fee specified in Appendix “A” of the Code of Ordinances for each event. The application on file in the Planning and Development Services Department shall be submitted to the Code Enforcement Division for review.

(1) Requirements to obtain a Special Events permit with food truck vendor sales:

- a. The business owner or businesses operating at the proposed site (with property owner’s notarized permission letter) of the event must apply for the permit. Where operated on a site shared by more than one business, authorization from all tenants and all owners must be provided.
- b. The applicant must submit a site layout plan drawn to scale which includes dimensions and the proposed location of the site, the food truck vending area, all entrances and exits to the business site, parking areas, bus stops, loading zones, fire hydrants and any other information necessary for the city reviewing staff to issue a decision of compliance with all applicable city codes.
- c. Only ~~one~~ two permit per month, per location shall be issued and the event shall be for a maximum period of 48 hours. Food truck vendors operating within the Central City Zoning District (CCD) shall be limited to the hours between 5:00 ~~7:00~~ p.m. and 12:00 mid-night shall take place only at the approved location. The food truck vendor area shall not be set up prior to 4:00 ~~6:00~~ p.m. and must be removed no later than two hours following the end of the approved period for the event.

(2) Regulations

- a. Food truck vendor sales event must be located on private property in an area that will not obstruct fire hydrants/fire land, bus stops, and any ingress or egress from a building entrance or emergency exit. ~~A food truck vendor sales event shall not be allowed on vacant or unimproved property.~~
- b. Food trucks utilized during the Special Event permit must be licensed to operate by the State, including approval from Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulations, and the City of Gainesville. The food trucks operating at the event must comply with county/state health department licensing requirements for preparing and selling food items.
- c. Food Truck sales associated with a special event shall not be valid during any event declared to be a special event by the city manager or designee. A separate permit shall be required for operating at these events.
- d. If required, electricity to service the food truck shall be provided from the established business and must meet state and local electrical code requirements. Lighting may be used to continuously illuminate the food trucks and provide task lighting for night operation, provided it is in conformity with the city's lighting regulations.
- e. The site of the special event shall provide appropriate trash containers which shall be available to all food truck vendors associated with the site. The food truck vendor shall keep the sidewalks, parking areas and other spaces adjacent to their vending sites or locations clean and free of paper, peelings and refuse of any kind generated from their vending operation.
- f. Vehicular traffic shall be prohibited within the designated food truck vendor sale area.
- g. A food truck shall not exceed a size of ten feet in width and 20 feet in length. Trailers shall not be used as an equipment or structure from which to dispense food.
- h. One temporary sign announcing the event may be allowed. Signs shall be a maximum of 32 square feet and approval shall be determined during review of the Special Event permit. No other signs, pictures or advertisements of any kind, such as stickers, flags, balloons, inflatables or lights shall be allowed.
- i. Food truck vendors must be provided with at least one approved portable fire extinguisher having a minimum rating of 8 BC.

**Section 30-23 Definition:**

Food Truck - a motorized vehicle operated by a natural person or business entity that sells immediately consumable food products and non-alcoholic beverage items from a vehicle at a fixed location on private property or vending booth.

Special Events - A temporary event conducted by the owners and operators of an existing business establishment intended to promote its products and/or services or to participate in the celebration of holidays, historical occasion or a community-wide event recognized by the local community.