



Town of Vinton

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MOBILE/TEMPORARY FOOD UNIT POLICY AND LICENSE INFORMATION

A Mobile/Temporary Food Unit is defined as: A readily movable wheeled cart, table, trailer, or vehicle designed and equipped for the preparing, serving, and/or selling of food and operated at temporary locations. This may include food trucks/food carts/temporary food establishments.

- (1) The Itinerant Vendor License Fee for a Mobile/Temporary Food Unit shall be set at \$50.00 per calendar year (January through December). In addition to the Itinerant Vendor License Fee, Mobile/Temporary Food Units are also required to pay Prepared Food and Beverage Tax to the Town of Vinton per the set payment schedule, as well as Sales Tax and litter tax, to the state of Virginia.
- (2) Mobile/Temporary Food Units will be allowed to vend only on commercially zoned properties (GB, CB, MUD, M-1, or M-2). Mobile/Temporary Food Units will not be allowed to vend on any residentially zoned properties except those owned by the Town of Vinton or other government entities with written permission from the Town Administration. Mobile/Temporary Food Units must have written permission from entity who owns the property.
- (3) Mobile/Temporary Food Units will not be allowed to vend during special events (the Saturday of the Dogwood Festival, the Fall Festival, and the Christmas parade) on Town-owned properties including public Right-of-Ways.
- (4) Mobile/Temporary Food Units will not be required to meet prescribed setbacks for the districts in which they intend to vend; however, they must setup in a manner that avoids any site visibility issues along streets or in parking areas for drivers or pedestrians.
- (5) Mobile/Temporary Food Units are allowed to vend on public streets or sidewalks so long as the license requirements are met, permission is obtained and so long as the unit is legally parked in an on-street parking space and is not impeding pedestrian or vehicular traffic. At no time shall seating areas for Mobile/Temporary Food Units be allowed on public streets or sidewalks.
- (6) Mobile/Temporary Food Units will not be allowed to setup and vend along a public street or right-of-way directly in front of an established, permanent restaurant at any time.
- (7) Written permission must be obtained from the property owner to setup a Mobile/Temporary Food Unit on a private property. A copy of the permission must be presented with the Itinerant Vendor License Application.

- (8) Mobile/Temporary Food Units must comply with all Town of Vinton Noise Ordinance regulations as prescribed by the Vinton Town Code. A copy of the Noise Ordinance can be furnished upon request.
- (9) Trash collection and disposal within a 20 foot radius of the Mobile/Temporary Food Unit is the responsibility of the Mobile/Temporary Food Unit proprietor. The town will not provide trash removal services to a Mobile/Temporary Food Unit. If the trash is not properly disposed of, responsibility for cleanup will be relegated to the owner of the property on which the Mobile/Temporary Food Unit was located.
- (10) Proper wastewater disposal shall be the responsibility of the Mobile/Temporary Food Unit proprietor. At no time shall wastewater be discharged onto a parking lot, grassy area, or into a storm drain.
- (11) Any violations of the trash and wastewater disposal requirements may result in the revocation of the Itinerant Vendor License by the Town Manager.
- (12) A Mobile/Temporary Food Unit will be allowed to display an unlimited number of signs permanently attached flat to the sides of the unit.
- (13) At no time shall any electronic signs flash or change messages more frequently than every 5 seconds. Signs must not cause a distraction to operators of vehicles.
- (14) One sandwich board (A-Frame) sign shall be allowed for each Mobile/Temporary Food Unit. Sandwich board signs shall not be greater than 4 feet in height or 2.5 feet in width. Sandwich board signs must be anchored to the ground immediately adjacent to the unit and must not cause any sight visibility issues for drivers or pedestrians. Sandwich boards signs shall not project over any portion of a street nor shall they obstruct any sidewalk to less than 4 feet in width.
- (15) A valid Virginia Department of Health permit shall be on prominent display at all times during the operation of the Mobile/Temporary Food Unit. A copy of this permit shall also be provided to the town at the time of application for the Vinton Itinerant Vendor License.
- (16) A valid Town of Vinton Itinerant Vendor License shall be on prominent display at all times during the operation of the Mobile/Temporary Food Unit.

Adopted by Vinton Town Council on July 5, 2016 by Ordinance No. 975