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MOBILE FOOD VENDOR GENERAL INFORMATION

Mobile Food Businesses are licensed in various business license categories depending on the type of operation and setup that is associated to the business. The following information provides general guidelines related to the various business license categories that are available.

Food Services or Cafe/Restaurant (Business License Category Codes R09 and R10): This license category allows a business to provide food catering services without utilizing a food truck or food trailer.

- The license category also allows a business to operate as a vendor at special events if they are identified as an approved vendor by the event organizer, have the appropriate health permit and have passed a recent inspection from the City of Las Vegas Fire Prevention Division. **The use of a food truck or food trailer is prohibited** with these license categories.

Open Air Vendor (Business License Category Code (O07): This license is site specific as it allows the business to provide services only at the fixed location identified on their business license. The vendor setup must adhere to the site plan that was approved as part of the application submittal. The vehicle must be approved by the City of Las Vegas Fire Prevention Division.

- This license does not allow for the licensee to participate as a vendor at special events.
- The following documents are required as part of the application submittal:
 - Conditional Use Verification from Planning
 - Site Space Agreement from Property Owner
 - Health Permit
 - Site plan that identifies the location in which the truck or trailer will be setup at on the property
 - Photos of the mobile unit setup
 - Nevada DMV registration
 - Nevada Driver's License
- Open Air Vendors are prohibited from placing chairs and tables for dining.

Mobile Food Trailer (Business License Category Code (M24): This license category allows for the sale of food items by means of a food service trailer. Food service trailer means a mobile food unit that is drawn by a motorized vehicle and is intended for use in vending. The vehicle must be approved by the City of Las Vegas Fire Prevention Division.

- This license only allows the applicant to operate as a vendor at permitted special events or provide food catering services at private events on private property.
- The trailer is not allowed to be disconnected from the motorized vehicle (except in the case of emergency)
- The following documents are required as part of the application submittal:
 - Commissary Agreement
 - Health Permit
 - Insurance certificate identifying the City of Las Vegas as an additional insured
 - Photos of the vehicle/trailer
 - Nevada DMV registration
 - Nevada Driver's license
- Mobile Food Trailers are **prohibited** from:
 - Vending in any residential neighborhood. ([LVMC 6.55.090](#))

- Parking where traffic or parking laws or ordinances would be violated. ([LVMC 6.55.090](#))
- Placing chairs, tables, tents or other similar items in the right-of-way or on private property. ([LVMC 6.55.090](#)) (LVMC 19.12.70)
- Vending on a private commercial lot for more than four (4 hours) within any 24-hour period. ([LVMC 6.55.090](#))
- Operating within 150 ft of the primary entrance of a licensed restaurant during the hours the restaurant is open for business, unless the vendor is operating on the same premise (i.e. shopping center) as the licensed restaurant with the consent of the restaurant licensee. Mobile food vendors must obtain written consent from the licensed restaurant. Approved documentation must be kept on site during the vending activity. ([LVMC 6.55.090](#))

Mobile Food Vendor (Business License Category Code M25): This license category allows for the sale of food items by means of a motorized vehicle that is intended for the use of vending.

- Mobile Food Vendors may operate at special events if they are identified as an approved vendor by the event organizer and have passed a recent inspection from the City of Las Vegas Fire Prevention Division.
- The following documents are required as part of the application submittal
 - Commissary Agreement
 - Health Permit
 - Insurance certificate identifying the City of Las Vegas as an additional insured
 - Photos of the mobile unit
 - Nevada DMV registration
 - Nevada Driver's License
- A mobile food vendor license is not transferable to another vehicle. A copy of the current business license must posted inside the vehicle.
- Mobile food vendors do not have any rights to any location upon the streets, sidewalks, alleys, or public grounds of the City (unless under contract with the City for that location). ([LVMC 6.55.070](#))
- Must comply with all Health District regulations and prominently post health permit. ([LVMC 6.55.050](#))
- Mobile Food Vendors are **prohibited** from:
 - Any area where they will impede pedestrian traffic. ([LVMC 6.55.070](#))
 - Operating within 1000 ft. of the outside perimeter of school property during the hours school is in session or one-hour preceding or one hour after the first and last school session. ([LVMC 6.55.090](#))
 - Operating within 1000 ft of a licensed concession stand in a City park when that stand is open for business, unless the licensee is under contract with the City to be in that location. ([LVMC 6.55.090](#))
 - Vending in any residential neighborhood. ([LVMC 6.55.090](#))
 - Parking where traffic or parking laws or ordinances would be violated. ([LVMC 6.55.090](#))
 - Vending for more than 30 minutes in the right-of-way in one location. A truck must move at least 150 ft after 30 minutes. ([LVMC 6.55.090](#))
 - Placing chairs, tables, tents or other similar items in the right-of-way or on private property. ([LVMC 6.55.090](#))
 - Vending on a private commercial lot for more than four (4 hours) within any 24-hour period. ([LVMC 6.55.090](#))
 - Operating within 150 ft of the primary entrance of a licensed restaurant during the hours the restaurant is open for business, unless the vendor is operating on the same premise (i.e. shopping center) as the licensed restaurant with the consent of the restaurant licensee. Mobile food vendors must obtain written consent from the licensed restaurant. Approved documentation must be kept on site during the vending activity. ([LVMC 6.55.090](#))