



# Planning & Economic Development

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## MOBILE VENDORS

Mobile vending is defined as any vehicle, wagon, or pushcart that is self-propelled or can be pushed/pulled down a street or sidewalk, on which food, drink, or retail goods can be sold.

### MOBILE VENDING CARTS

**Definition:** Cart means a mobile, nonmotorized vehicle or conveyance which is intended to be pushed, pulled or otherwise used by a mobile vendor.

**Location:** Vending carts are allowed in the C-2, C-3 and C-4 zoning districts.

#### Standards:

1. Allowed on private property only (w/owner consent).
2. One cart per parcel allowed; provided, that if the parcel is over 1-acre in size, 2 total vending carts are allowed.
3. No drive-through facilities allowed.
4. When placed in an existing parking lot, cart shall occupy no more than 2 parking spaces.
5. Shall be removed from the site at the end of day.

**Required Permits:** A temporary use permit (TUP) is required for vending carts, subject to the requirements and process in [Chapter 18.280 PMC](#), except for vending carts associated with an existing commercial building or business, provided:

1. Cart is located within building or at main entrance.
2. No more than 2 carts per building or business allowed.
3. If located outside, cart brought inside at end of the day.

### MOBILE FOOD TRUCKS

**Definition:** Mobile food trucks are motorized vehicles from which food or drink (prepared on-site or pre-packaged) is sold or served to the general public, whether consumed on-site or elsewhere.

**Standards:** Food trucks are allowed on private property in the C-2, C-3 and C-4 zoning districts, subject to the following:

**Temporary Food Trucks** shall obtain a TUP per [Chapter 18.280 PMC](#) and meet the following:

1. One truck/parcel at a time; however, if the parcel is over 1-acre in size, 2 are allowed at a time.
2. No drive-through facilities are allowed.
3. When placed in an existing parking lot, the truck shall occupy no more than three parking spaces and shall be situated in a way that does not obstruct the movement of pedestrians or vehicles.

4. The operating food truck and any accessories (trash cans, benches, umbrellas) shall be removed from the site of operation at the end of each business day.
5. If after the one-year initial TUP permit, and if a one-year extension was approved, the food truck requests to continue, the use will be considered permanent and a minor site plan review and approval shall be required.

**Permanent Mobile Food Trucks** will be subject to the same land use and development standards applicable to the property as if the unit were a permanent structure and shall obtain a minor site plan review per [Chapter 18.270 PMC](#) and meet the following additional requirements:

1. Located on a paved area.
2. No drive-through facilities are allowed.
3. Cannot block any designated travel or fire lane(s) within a parking lot and cannot occupy any parking space that is required for a use on the same site.
4. Business identification and promotional signs and graphics wholly applied to the surfaces of a food truck vehicle are exempt from a sign permit and not regulated in number or total area.
5. A secured trash container of at least 30-gallon capacity shall be provided for business customer use at the location of the vendor and the vendor shall clean the area surrounding their use and remove the contents at the end of each business day.

### SPECIAL EVENTS/FARMERS MARKET

Mobile vendors associated with a city-approved special event permit, or the farmer's market, are exempt from the provisions in [PMC 18.80.080 C](#).

### ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS/PERMITS

All mobile vendors shall obtain the necessary business licenses, health certificates, fire and building permits from state and local agencies, as applicable. All permits must be obtained, and conditions of approval completed prior to operation within city limits.

### MOBILE VENDORS DOWNTOWN

Mobile vendors are only permitted in the C-1/Downtown zoning district in coordination with a special events permit.

**Disclaimer:** this handout should not be used as a substitute for codes and regulations. The applicant/property owner is responsible for compliance with all code and rule requirements, whether or not described here. Please see the City of Poulsbo Municipal Code for complete text and requirements.

