NEW WESTMINSTER

Food Trucks

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Operating Requirements

Food trucks are regulated by the Mobile Food Vending Licence Bylaw No. 7850, 2016.

Business Licenses

Annual business licenses allow food trucks to operate in different location around the city. They are valid until December 31 of each calendar year.

The application form, application fee, and other information and documents required to make an application are available at: https://www.newwestcity.ca/business_licences.php

Size Limits

The maximum permitted width of a food truck is 2.5 metres (8.2 feet). The maximum permitted length of a food truck is 8.0 metres (26.25 feet).

Hours of Operation

Food trucks are permitted to operate between 6:00 a.m. and 1:00 a.m. daily, except in park locations, where they must adhere to park hours.

Log

Food trucks must keep a log of the location, time, and duration of each vending stop they make.

Tables, Chairs and Signs

Food truck operators may not put out benches, chairs or tables on city sidewalks. One portable sign is permitted if it is placed immediately adjacent to the truck and does not obstruct the sidewalk.

Waste Management

Food truck operators are responsible for collecting all garbage and recycling and must provide appropriate cans and remove waste when they leave. City waste receptacles may not be used. Operators are expected to clean up the surrounding area (within 10 metres) after vending at a location.

Parking

Within the roaming locations, food trucks:

- May not vend within 100 metres of an existing restaurant selling food of a similar cuisine.
- Must be removed from the street overnight and may not be parked on city streets unless they are open for business.
- May park in any legal parallel parking space, on either side of the street. Angled or nose-in parking spaces are not permitted, except for in the Tipperary Park parking lot.
- Do not have to pay the hourly meter.
- Do not have to comply with parking space time limits.
- May not park within 10 metres of any intersection, cross walk, or bus stop.

Food Truck Basics

All food trucks in New Westminster must meet three requirements to operate: health authority approval, fire safety approval, and adequate liability insurance.

1. Health Authority Approval: Contact your health authority for an inspection. This may be Vancouver Coastal Health or Fraser Health, depending on your commissary kitchen's location.

2. Fire Safety: Obtain a decal through the Lower Mainland Mobile Food Truck Fire Inspection Program, available at your local fire department (except Vancouver - they have their own programs). For New Westminster, contact the fire department at 604-519-1000 or fire@newwestcity.ca.

3. Insurance: You must have $5 million in comprehensive general liability insurance with the City listed as additional insured to operate on public property in New Westminster, whether you are serving the public or a catering client.

Vending Locations

Licensed food trucks may roam on a first-come first-serve basis within the following areas

LOCATION/AREA	LOCATION DETAILS
Downtown	• Carnarvon Street, between Sixth Street and Tenth Street. • Columbia Street, between Elliot Street and the junction at Stewardson Way. • Front Street Mews, between Begbie Street and Fourth Street.
Queensborough	• Ewen Avenue, the south side of Ewen Avenue, between Jardine St and Hampton St.
Sapperton	• East Columbia Street, between Sherbrooke Street and Braid Street.
Upper Twelfth St	• Twelfth Street, between Tenth Avenue and Sixth Avenue.
Uptown	• Sixth Street, between Seventh Avenue and Princess Street, and Belmont Street and Fourth Avenue. • Belmont Street, between Sixth Street and Seventh Street.
1319 Third Ave	• One parking space located outside of 1319 Third Avenue (outside of Steel and Oak Brewing Company).

City Parks & Facilities	• Tipperary Park, parking lot.
	• Moody Park, on Tenth Street, one parking space located adjacent the south side of the crosswalk at Hamilton Street.
	• Ryall Park on Salter Street, one parking space by the picnic shelter between Carter Street and Viscount Place.
	• Təməsewtxʷ Aquatic and Community Centre (TACC), one parking spot in the loading zone at the front of the building.
	  ◦ This location shall only be available at the discretion of the Director of Parks and Recreation.
	  ◦ No generators permitted, cable ramps required for electrical plug in.
	  ◦ Booking reservation required. Email foodtrucks@newwestcity.ca to request a booking.
	  ◦ Pay the Electricity Supply fee, as identified in Parks & Recreation Fees Bylaw No. 6673, 2001 for each day of vending.

Contacts

Business Licensing
For information about the application process and requirements.
604-527-4565
businesslicences@newwestcity.ca

Community Events Office
For information about special events.
604-515-3827
specialevents@newwestcity.ca

Engineering Department
For information about Street Occupancy Permits.
604-527-4592
SOP@newwestcity.ca

Fire Department
For information about vehicle inspections.
604-519-1000
fire@newwestcity.ca

Fraser Health
For information on health inspections.
604-777-6740
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