

# Operating as a Mobile Food Vendor

Mobile food businesses include any vehicle, cart or other self-contained movable structure from which food is served to the public. In order for vendors to be permitted to operate a food truck at festivals and events, both on city land or private property, operators must meet the following City requirements.

## REQUIREMENTS

\*Please note that all permit applications and inspections have a minimum 3 week processing time

- **Permit or Approval to Operate from Fraser Health**

Mobile food premises must receive a health operating permit or approval to operate. For more information contact your local Abbotsford Environmental Health Officer at [HPAbbotsford@fraserhealth.ca](mailto:HPAbbotsford@fraserhealth.ca) or phone 604-870-7900

- **Fire Safety Inspection**

Abbotsford Fire Rescue Services must inspect your unit. The approval is good for the calendar year. Inspection is conducted at Fire Hall 1. Alternatively, they will accept an approval from another fire department in the Greater Vancouver Fire Chiefs Association. This approval must be for the current calendar year with proof of your inspection report and a current decal. Email documentation to [fireprevention@abbotsford.ca](mailto:fireprevention@abbotsford.ca) or phone 604-853-3566.

- **Technical Safety BC Approval**

All Mobile Outdoor Food Service Equipment (MOFSE) and electrical equipment in your truck must bear an approval decal from Technical Safety BC or alternatively must be certified and labeled by a Certification Organization accredited by the Standards Council of Canada. For more information, contact 1-866-566-7233

- **Zoning Compliance and Location Approval**

The City of Abbotsford Zoning Bylaw regulates Mobile Food Vendors, where permitted, to be located on a lot, completely removed from the lot every night, and prohibits being within 50 meters of a restaurant. Vendors must receive property permission when operating on private property; as well as, event permission when operating at public events. Please inquire about our Property Permission forms when applying for a Business Licence.

- **City of Abbotsford Business Licence**

Apply online at [www.abbotsford.ca](http://www.abbotsford.ca) or in person at Abbotsford City Hall, Business Licence Division, 1st Floor. When applying online your Licence Type will be "Mercantile" and Licence Subtype will be "Mobile Vendors". Before the Business Licence is issued, you must provide proof of all applicable requirements above are met. For more information, contact [\\_businesslicence@abbotsford.ca](mailto:_businesslicence@abbotsford.ca) or phone 604-864-5525.

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