



Marion County
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Mobile Food Vendors



Regulations for food consumption at drive-in, drive-through, curb or walk-up service

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What is a “mobile food vendor”?

Generally speaking, this is a trailer, cart, vehicle or wagon which is used for the purpose of preparing, processing or converting food for immediate consumption as a drive-in, drive-through, curb or walk-up service. It does not include a street vendor’s cart.

What are the regulations for operating as a mobile food vendor?

Mobile food vendors are allowed in certain zones within the urban growth boundary areas of Marion County. They are not allowed in the rural zones of the County.

According to the Marion County Urban Zone Code Chapter 16.26.570: “Mobile food vendors shall meet the following use and development standards:

A. Mobile food units may only operate subject to standards in the CO, CR, CG, HC, IC, IP, IG and IH zones. Mobile food units may not operate in residential zones.

B. Mobile food units may not operate in a public street or right-of-way.

C. Mobile foods units may only operate in an approved parking lot, or other hard surface area, where the off-street parking requirements for all users served by the off-street parking area are met.

D. Mobile food unit operators shall not obstruct pedestrian pathways, driveways or drive aisles and shall not create a traffic or safety hazard.

E. Mobile food units parked in a stationary location for a period of 24 hours or longer

shall provide screening of all storage areas, tanks and conduit by site obscuring fencing or temporary landscaping.

F. Mobile food unit operators are responsible for picking up any litter which is deposited by any person within 20 feet of the mobile food unit when conducting business.

G. Mobile food units are not permanent structures and must remain capable of being moved. The wheels must remain on the unit and no permanent connections to any utility service are permitted.

H. Mobile food units are not permitted to have decks, carports, covered shelters or similar structures placed adjacent to or attached to them.

I. Mobile food units shall obtain all necessary licenses from Marion County Environmental Health prior to operating.”

Where do I get information on Marion County health and sanitation regulations?

Contact Environmental Health Services at (503) 588-5401; (503) 588-5346.

For more information, visit our website at <http://publicworks.co.marion.or.us/planning> or contact our office.