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PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR MOBILE VENDING UNITS OR CARTS

Question:

When is a structural permit required for placement of mobile vending units or carts?

Background:

Mobile vending units or carts that are on wheels and can be readily moved from one location to another are commonly used to sell food or drinks to the public. These types of structures are often regulated by Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles and are generally placed at a site for a limited time.

Policy:

A structural permit will not be required for placement of mobile vending units or carts provided they comply with all the following criteria:

1. Wheels are not removed.
2. Connected to an electrical power source by an approved listed plug and cord connection.
3. Connected to a water service with an approved hose, determined by the Health Department.
4. Not connected to a public or private sewer system.
5. Do not have decks, carports, covered shelters or similar structures placed adjacent to or attached to mobile vending units or carts

Although a permit is not required operators/owners must check with the local health and planning departments for applicable requirements.