

Food Truck Culture in Midwest City

The City of Midwest City recently amended their code to accommodate the growing presence of food trucks. The trucks allow for residents within the city to have a unique and quaint experience with food options departing from traditional brick and mortar stores and major restaurants in the area to experience smaller local restaurants that might only have one location or not have a brick and mortar location at all.

What does a food truck need to operate in Midwest City?

Thinking about bringing your food truck to Midwest City? First you will need to obtain the city license that is required for **ANY** type of operation within the city limits. The city license is to allow food trucks to do business within the city at an affordable rate, while still meeting a high set of standards set by the city and the City-County Health Department.

You may obtain a yearly license from January 1st – December 31st for \$100.00 or a quarterly license for \$25.00. Quarterly licenses will not be prorated. The licenses are non-refundable or transferable. If you have multiple trucks/trailers in the city, each one will need it's on license to operate. The requirements for a license are outlined below:

- Name and brief description of applicant;
- Address, both personal and business;
- Nature of business, kinds of food to be sold;
- Low-point beer or alcoholic beverages to be sold;
- Oklahoma Sales Tax Permit;
- If employed by another, the name and address of applicant's employer together with credentials showing the exact relationship;
- Description and license number or other identification of any vehicle to be used;
- Food manager's certification from a source approved by the City-County Health Department; and
- Oklahoma State Health Permit;
- A criminal history by name search report from the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation;
- Health license with the City (cost is \$50.00)
- Sworn application in writing to the City Clerk, with payment of license fee.

To obtain a food truck license, please go to the Customer Service desk, located on the first floor of City Hall, 100 N. Midwest Blvd. between the hours of 8:00am – 5:00pm, Monday through Friday.

Where can a food truck operate?

In the interest of protecting our existing businesses and residents, food trucks must have both the property owner, and tenant's permission before operation. They also may only operate in commercial and industrially zoned areas. Exceptions to the zoning requirement will only be granted in conjunction with an approved special event permit. The trucks must also abide by any state and county regulations for operations.

If you have questions about the zoning of a specific properties please call Midwest City Community Development at (405) 739-1210 or (405) 739-1211 with the specific address.

Signs and other permits

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Any signage pertaining to or advertising a food truck and/or its menu must be limited to and attached to the food truck.

Other Permits

There may be other permits required for the operation of a food truck in the city limits of Midwest City depending on the circumstances. We encourage calling in advance of the date of operation to ensure compliance with all city, county and state regulations.

More information or questions

The city is continuing to make strides to embrace the food truck culture while ensuring the safety of its citizens, business and visitors. Weather you have a simple question or a unique situation, we would be happy to discuss the regulations with you and answer any questions or concerns you may have. It is important to note that the city reserves the right to immediately and without notice revoke any license for noncompliance.

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