

## THE BASICS

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Every food truck business needs:

- Insurance
- Local and state sales tax licensing
- Fire Department inspections & permits
- Approval from Mesa County Public Health

Depending on your business model, you may also need additional approvals.

For additional information, contact the appropriate agency at the numbers listed on the back of this brochure.



## CONTACTS

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### **Temporary Use Permits & Site Plans on Private Property**

*City of Grand Junction  
Community Development Department  
970.244.1430*

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### **Special Events on Public Property**

*City of Grand Junction  
Parks & Recreation Department  
970.254.3866*

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### **Fire Safety**

*City of Grand Junction  
Fire Department  
970.549.5800*

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### **Food Safety**

*Mesa County  
Public Health Department  
970.256.4180*

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### **Wastewater**

*Persigo Treatment Plant  
970.256.4180*

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## MOBILE FOOD VENDORS GUIDE TO OPERATIONS

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# WHAT TYPE OF CITY PERMIT DO I NEED?

*Do you plan to conduct business for more than 48 hours, but less than 120 days at a single, private property?*

## **Temporary Use Permit**

*Permit is valid for 120 days.*

*Do you plan to conduct business at a private property for more than 120 days at a single, private property?*

## **Minor Site Plan**

*Requires agreement showing access to 3 parking spaces and a restroom within 750 feet*

*Do you plan on operating at special events on public property, such as at City or County parks, Farmers' Markets, and Food Truck Fridays?*

## **Contact Parks & Recreation**

*Do you plan to make short stops at many private businesses, spending no more than 48 hours at any location over the course of 120 days?*

## **No Permit Required**



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **What is the difference between a food truck, a mobile food vendor, and a mobile food preparation business?**

There is no difference. Different agencies use different names to refer to food trucks because of the different codes that they use. All of these terms generally refer to food trucks, and include trailers as well as trucks.

### **Do the same rules apply for non-motorized food carts, tents, or produce stands?**

Different rules apply to mobile food businesses that do not use motor vehicles but these may still need to comply with City temporary use regulations and Mesa County Public Health rules, and must be approved by the Parks & Recreation Department to work at special events on public property.

### **Can I operate in a residential neighborhood?**

No. The only time a food truck can operate in a residential area is if it is at a property with R-24 zoning, or if it is at an approved special event.

### **Can I park my food truck on a City street and conduct business?**

No, food trucks cannot operate in a City public right-of-way, unless explicitly permitted to do so as part of a special event. When not conducting business, a food truck should comply with the parking rules that apply to all vehicles.

### **What kind of signage can I use to promote my business?**

A food truck can be painted or otherwise decorated with any appropriate advertising. A food truck on private property, whether temporary or long-term, can have up to 32 sq. ft. of free-standing signage.

### **How do I know what the fire safety requirements are for my food truck?**

The City of Grand Junction Fire Department enforces the 2018 International Fire Code, which gives details on required fire suppression systems. Contact them for more information and a list of local certified suppression system installers.

### **May I hook up my food truck to public water or sewer services?**

No, the only circumstance in which a food truck can connect to public water or sewer services is at an approved mobile food vendor court.

### **Where should I dispose of wastewater?**

Wastewater from cooking and utensil cleaning should be disposed only at an approved industrial pretreatment facility with a Fats, Oils, and Grease Interceptor. These facilities are available at commissary kitchens such as the Grand Junction Business Incubator.