

Food trucks in Rock Hill

State Permit

South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) requires mobile food vendors to have a [State permit](#). The State also requires mobile food vendors to have a commissary for food storage, prep, and clean-up.

City Licenses and Permits

- Food trucks (also called mobile food vendors) are required to:
 - Meet required zoning standards (below);
 - Have a [business license](#) (upload your State permit along with this application);
 - Have an annual fire inspection; and
 - Have [Fats, Oil, and Grease \(FOG\) permit](#).
- Additionally, if you would like to locate the commissary in Rock Hill, we will need to review the location to make sure that it meets all City standards for the use. You can start this process by applying for your business license.

Zoning Standards

- A. If the truck moves from location to location during more than one meal time, the truck needs to meet the other requirements above, but no additional zoning approval is required.
- B. All other types of mobile food vendors are allowed only in certain circumstances:
 1. As part of an approved special event
 2. As an accessory use to a craft brewery, an agritourism business, or a retail store of more than 100,000 square feet
 3. At a space approved by the Planning Commission in a pedestrian-oriented area such as downtown, urban mixed-use area, major park or venue, or college or employment campus.

NOTE: This option is rare, requires an approval process, and should have the support of a local association like a downtown business association, chamber of commerce, or similar group.



If one of these situations applies and all of the below conditions are met, the City would approve the temporary use.

- **Location on site:** Mobile food vendors must be located to serve major pedestrian flows, event attendees and on-site customers. Vendors cannot be oriented to attract business from nearby roads or other off-site areas.
- **Permission of property owner:** The food vendor must obtain the written permission of the property owner.

Note: If the food vendor is proposing to locate within the right-of-way (such as in a City parking lot or in a parking space along a public street), it must have the written permission of the City.
- **Safety:** The unit must be parked in a location that does not create traffic or safety problems, and does not impede the activities of other uses at the location.
- **Garbage:** The vendor is responsible for removing all garbage from the site, and for keeping the surroundings free from litter at all times.
- **Attendance:** The vendor must be present at the unit at all times.
- **No overnight stays:** The unit cannot be left on site overnight.
- **Restroom facilities:** The vendor is responsible for securing access to proximately located restrooms for employees.
- **State approvals:** Documentation of approval by a state licensing agency from any state is required to be kept on site and made available upon request.