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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC
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Greetings from the City of Bloomington!

The Department of Economic and Sustainable Development welcomes your business into the Bloomington community. Our office would like to assist you in operating a successful business and complying with applicable laws and statutes.

This information packet will help you understand the process for obtaining a Mobile Vendor's License. The full application is attached, along with important contact information and relevant Bloomington Municipal Code.

Please contact the Department of Economic and Sustainable Development at 812-349-3418 for information and assistance in securing the license and the other permissions that may be necessary to operate within the City of Bloomington.

The City of Bloomington
Department of Economic and Sustainable Development

Date:



MOBILE VENDOR LICENSE APPLICATION

City of Bloomington
Department of Economic and Sustainable Development
401 N. Morton St. Suite 150
Bloomington, Indiana 47404
812-349-3418

1. License Length and Fee Application

Length of License:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	24 Hours	3 Days	7 Days	30 Days	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year
License Fee:	\$25	\$30	\$50	\$75	\$150	\$200	\$350

2. Applicant Information

Name:			
Title/Position:			
Date of Birth:			
Address:			
City, State, Zip:			
E-Mail Address:			
Phone Number:		Mobile Phone:	

3. Indiana Contact Information (For non-residents only)

If applicant is not a resident of Indiana, they must designate a resident to serve as a contact.

Name:			
Address:			
City, State, Zip:			
E-Mail Address:			
Phone Number:		Mobile Phone:	

4. Company Information

Name of Employer:					
Address of Employer:					
City, State, Zip:					
Employment Start Date:		End Date (If known):			
Phone Number:					
Website / Email:					
Company is a:	<input type="checkbox"/> Limited Liability Corporation (LLC)	<input type="checkbox"/> Corporation	<input type="checkbox"/> Partnership	<input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietor	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:

5. Company Officer Information

Provide the names and addresses of all principal officers, partners, trustees, owners or other persons with controlling interests in the company.

Name	Address

6. Company Incorporation Information (For Corporations and LLCs Only)

Date of incorporation or organization:	
State of incorporation or organization:	
(If Not Indiana) Date qualified to transact business in state of Indiana:	

7. Description of product or service to be sold and any equipment to be used

Planned hours of operation:		
Place or places where you will conduct business (If private property, attach written permission from property owner):		
Scaled site plan showing the location of the proposed mobile food vendor unit and the properties' drives, parking access aisles, fire lanes, sidewalks and accessible routes.	Please Attach	
Have you had a similar license, either from the City of Bloomington, or a different municipality, revoked?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
(If Yes) Provide details		

8. You are required to secure, attach, and submit the following:

<input type="checkbox"/>	A copy of the registration for the vehicle
<input type="checkbox"/>	Copy of a valid driver's license
<input type="checkbox"/>	Copy of an Indiana Driver's Record and/or equivalent of whatever State has issued the applicant his/her driver's license
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of an independent safety inspection of all vehicles to be used in the business
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of insurance in accordance with the limits described in Section 4.28.090 of the Bloomington Municipal Code: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal Injury: \$100,000.00 per occurrence and \$300,000 in the aggregate • Property Damage: \$25,000.00 per occurrence and \$50,000.00 in the aggregate
<input type="checkbox"/>	Release of liability wherein the Applicant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Bloomington for losses or expenses arising out of the operation of his/her business.
<input type="checkbox"/>	A copy of the business's registration with the Indiana Secretary of State.
<input type="checkbox"/>	A copy of the Employer Identification Number (EIN)
<input type="checkbox"/>	A signed copy of the Prohibited Location Agreement
<input type="checkbox"/>	A signed copy of the Standards of Conduct Agreement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fire inspection (if required)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Picture of truck or trailer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Copy of all applicable permits required by the Monroe County Health Department, including but not limited to a Food Service Establishment License or a Certified Food Handler

For City Of Bloomington Use Only

Date Received:	Received By:	Date Approved:	Approved By:
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Festival General Contact Information

<u>Event</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
Bloomington Farmers' Market	Every Saturday, April – November	Clarence Boone, Market Coordinator	(812) 349-3700
Strawberry Festival	Mid-May	Christina Hurlow, Boys & Girls Club	812-287-8771
Taste of Bloomington	Mid-June	Talisha Coppock, Co-Director	(812) 336-3681
Arts Fair on the Square	Mid-August	Lee Burckes, Event Manager	(812) 334-1188
4th of July Parade	July 4th	Becky Barrick	(812) 349-3700
4th Street Festival	Early September	4th Street Committee	(812) 335-3814
Lotus World Music and Arts Festival	Late September	Lotus Office	(812) 336-3959
Bloomington Holiday Market	Final Farmers' Market	Clarence Boone, Market Coordinator	(812) 349-3700
Canopy of Lights	Friday after Thanksgiving	Talisha Coppock	(812) 336-3681

Itinerant Merchant Contact Information

<u>Permit Issuer</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
Monroe County Health Department (Food Handler Permit)	119 W. 7th St. Bloomington, IN	Jesssica Brown, Administrator	(812) 349-2543
Bloomington Board of Public Works (Conducting Business in Public Right-of-Way)	401 N. Morton St. Suite 150 Bloomington, IN	Andrea de la Rosa Economic & Sustainable Development	(812) 349-3419
Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department (Conducting Business on City of Bloomington Parks Property)	401 N. Morton St. Suite 250 Bloomington, IN	Kim Clapp, Office Manager	(812) 349-3700
Bloomington Fire Department (Conducting Business that will produce any type of spark/fire hazard)	300 E. 4th St. Bloomington, IN	Fire Administration	(812) 332-9763

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RELEASE, HOLD-HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

The undersigned, in consideration for the issuance of a license by the City of Bloomington Controller, agrees to the following:

1. The undersigned, in exchange for the issuance of a license by the City of Bloomington Controller, agrees to release, hold harmless, and forever indemnify the City of Bloomington and any and all City employees, officers, and agents from any claim or claims which may arise out of any incident connected with or in any way related to his/her issuance of a license by the City of Bloomington or his/her operation of a business which was licensed by the City of Bloomington. This includes claims for personal injury, death, property damage, and/or any other type of harm or injury.
2. The undersigned shall, and hereby does, indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City of Bloomington and any and all City employees, officers, and agents from and against any and all actions, costs, claims, suits, losses, expenses or damages, including but not limited to attorneys' fees and court costs, arising out of the undersigned's operation of a business which has been licensed by the City of Bloomington.
3. The undersigned understands this release binds him/herself, his/her spouse, and all heirs, executors, partners, co-owners and administrators of those individuals.

The undersigned acknowledges that he/she has read this release and understands all of its terms. The undersigned signs this release voluntarily and with full knowledge of its significance.

Name, Printed

Signature

Date Release Signed

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Prohibited Location Agreement

Bloomington Municipal Code Section 4.28.140 prohibits Mobile Vendor Units from operating in certain locations. This Agreement provides for all of the prohibited locations. Two maps are also attached to this Agreement. All signatories to this Agreement are required to review not only this Agreement, but also the attached maps prior to signing this Agreement.

As a licensed Mobile Vendor Unit, I understand and agree that I cannot and will not operate my mobile vendor unit in a manner that would violate any of the below-listed location restrictions:

- € No mobile food vendor unit shall locate in any parking lot, parking space, or parking facility owned, leased or managed by the City of Bloomington unless approval has been given by the City's Board of Public Works.
- € No mobile food vendor unit shall operate within fifty feet of any facade of a ground level establishment that also sells food or beverages, or operate within fifty feet of the perimeter of such an establishment's outdoor seating area, regardless of whether or not the mobile food vendor unit is currently conducting business. The distance restriction only applies from one hour before the opening time to an hour after the closing time posted by a ground level establishment on the facade of its building.
- € No mobile food vendor unit shall locate in an alleyway.
- € Mobile food vendor units shall be located a reasonable distance from all posted bus stops, crosswalks, driveways, alleyways, right-of-way lines of two or more intersecting streets and building entrances or walk-up windows.
- € Mobile food vendor units shall only be located on private property if the private property owner has provided both the business operator and the City written permission for the mobile food vendor unit to locate on said property.
- € No mobile food vendor unit shall locate within a one block radius of a Special Event unless prior approval has been granted by either the operator of the Special Event or the City's Board of Public Works.
- € No mobile food vendor unit shall park on City property in violation of any City parking regulation, restriction, or ordinance. For example, if parking at one, or multiple, parking meters, the operator of the mobile food vendor unit shall feed all relevant parking meters with the required monetary amount.
- € No mobile food vendor unit shall be located in a manner which would significantly impede or prevent the use of any City of Bloomington property, or which would endanger the safety or property of the public.
- € No mobile food vendor unit shall be located within fifteen feet of any fire hydrant.

- € No mobile food vendor shall locate within any zoning district except the following: Commercial General; Commercial Arterial; Commercial Downtown; Industrial General; Business Park; and Institutional.
- € No mobile food vendor operating on private property shall displace required parking or landscaping nor block any drives, parking access aisles, fire lanes, sidewalks, or accessible routes required for the private parking by the City's zoning code.
- € No mobile food vendor unit shall be located more than one foot away from the curb of the street on which it is parked.
- € No mobile food vendor unit shall park near an intersection and in a manner that blocks the line-of-sight of drivers using adjacent roadways.

I, the undersigned, understand that if I locate my mobile vendor unit in any of the above-described prohibited locations or manner that I subject myself to fines and possible revocation of my Mobile Vendor Unit License, as so described in Chapter 4.28 of the Bloomington Municipal Code.

Vendor:

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Special Event Consent

This letter authorizes _____, to conduct solicitation
(Name of mobile vendor)
within one-block radius of the following Special Event: _____.
(Name of Special Event)

This consent shall run concurrent with the Mobile Vendor's License issued by the City of Bloomington, unless revoked as described herein. If at any time the license expires or is revoked by the City of Bloomington, this consent shall be void. The mobile vendor is required to comply with all applicable sections of the Bloomington Municipal Code, Monroe County Code, and Indiana State Code. Failure to do so will cause the license for said location to be revoked.

I understand that if I revoke this Letter of Consent I must do so in writing and must supply a copy of said revocation to the City of Bloomington Economic & Sustainable Development Department at the above-listed address.

Special Event Representative:

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Mobile Vendor:

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Telephone Number: _____

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Standard of Conduct Agreement

Bloomington Municipal Code Section 4.28.160 provides Standards of Conduct for all Mobile Vendor Units. This Agreement provides a list of said Standards of Conduct. All signatories to this Agreement are required to review this Agreement prior to signing this Agreement.

As a licensed Mobile Vendor Unit, I understand and agree that I cannot and will not conduct business in a manner that would violate any of the Standards of Conduct noted below:

- € Mobile food vendor unit operators shall conduct themselves at all times in an orderly and lawful manner, and shall not make, or cause to be made, any unreasonable noise of such volume as to be in violation of the City of Bloomington Noise Ordinance as stated in Title 14 of the Bloomington Municipal Code
- € A device may not be used which would amplify sounds nor may attention be drawn to the mobile food vendor unit by an aural means or a light-producing device (examples of such devices may include, but are not meant to be limited to the following: bull horns and strobe lights
- € No mobile food vendor unit may be permanently or temporarily affixed to any object, including but not limited to buildings, trees, telephone poles, streetlight poles, traffic signal poles or fire hydrants
- € No mobile food vendor unit may be used to advertise any product which is not authorized to be sold from that unit
- € Each mobile food vendor unit shall be limited to one sandwich board sign that meets the provisions of Section 20.05.086 of the Bloomington Municipal Code regardless of the zoning district in which it locates, provided a sign permit is obtained from the City's Planning and Transportation Department
- € No mobile food vendor unit may make use of any public or private electrical outlet while in operation
- € Each mobile food vendor unit shall protect against littering and shall have both an adequate trash receptacle and a separate receptacle for recyclable materials:
 - The trash and recyclable receptacles shall be emptied sufficiently often to allow disposal of litter and waste by the public at any time;
 - The trash and recyclable receptacles on the mobile food vendor unit shall not be emptied into trash or recyclable receptacles owned by the City of Bloomington;
 - Liquid from the mobile food vendor unit shall not be discharged on or in a City sewer or drain or elsewhere on City property, nor on private property without the express written consent of the owner thereof;

- Before leaving any location each mobile food vendor unit shall first pick up, remove and dispose of all trash, refuse and/or recyclable materials, including products spilled on the ground within twenty feet of the mobile food vendor unit.
- € No mobile food vendor unit shall expose any pedestrian to any undue safety or health hazards nor shall it be maintained so as to create a public nuisance
- € Each mobile food vendor unit shall be maintained free and clear of dirt, and finishes shall not be chipped, faded or unduly marred
- € Foods or beverages which present a substantial likelihood that liquid matter or particles will drop to the street or sidewalk during the process of carrying or consuming the food or beverage shall be sold in proper containers so as to avoid falling to the street or sidewalk
- € Mobile food vendor units which utilize a grill or device that may result in a spark, flame or fire shall adhere to the following additional standards:
 - Be placed approximately 20 feet from a building or structure;
 - Provide a barrier between the grill or device and the general public;
 - The spark, flame or fire shall not exceed 12 inches in height;
 - A fire extinguisher shall be within reaching distance of the mobile food vendor unit operator at all times;
- € Mobile food vendor unit operators shall be required to obey the commands of law enforcement officers or fire officials with respect to activity carried out inside of the City's jurisdictional limits, including, where possible, the removal of the mobile food vendor unit and cessation of such sales
- € No mobile food vendor unit shall ever be left unattended
- € Mobile food vendor units shall not be stored, parked or left overnight on any City property
- € All mobile food vendor units which are food service establishments as defined by Title 10.17 of the Bloomington Municipal Code shall install an approved grease interceptor or grease trap. Foods, oils and greases shall never be discharged into the City's sewer or storm drains
- € All mobile food vendor unit operators are required to collect and pay all applicable and appropriate sales taxes
- € No mobile food vendor shall provide customer seating unless approval has been provided by the City's Board of Public Works and the City's Planning and Transportation Department
- € All mobile food vendors shall comply with the lighting standards found in Chapter 20.05 of the Bloomington Municipal Code
- € All mobile food vendors shall comply with the vision clearance standards found in Chapter 20.05 of the Bloomington Municipal Code
- € No mobile food vendor shall have a drive-thru
- € The decibels of any generator(s) associated with a mobile food vendor unit shall not exceed "70dBA".
 - Such noise measurement shall be made at a height of at least four (4) feet above the ground and at a point approximately twenty-five (25) feet away from where the

noise is being emitted on a sound level meter operated on the "A" weighting network (scale).

- No person other than the operators shall be within twenty-five (25) feet of the sound level meter during the sample period.
- Sound measurements shall be conducted at that time of day or night when the relevant noise source is emitting sound.
- The sound level measurement shall be determined as follows:
 - Calibrate the sound level meter within one (1) hour before use.
 - Set the sound level meter on the "A" weighted network at slow response.
 - Set the omnidirectional microphone in an approximately seventy degree position in a location which complies with subsections (1) and (2) herein. The operator of the sound level meter shall face the noise source and record the meter's instantaneous response.
 - Recalibrate the sound level meter after use.
- It shall be unlawful for any person to interfere, through the use of sound or otherwise, with the taking of sound level measurement.

I, the undersigned, understand that if I conduct business in violation of any the above described standards of conduct that I subject myself to fines and possible revocation of my Mobile Vendor Unit License, as so described in Chapter 4.28 of the Bloomington Municipal Code.

Vendor:

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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MOBILE VENDOR INSPECTION CHECK SHEET

COMPANY PERFORMING INSPECTION _____
INSPECTOR'S NAME _____ INSPECTOR'S PHONE # _____
DATE OF INSPECTION _____
TAXICAB COMPANY _____
VEHICLE YEAR _____ MAKE _____ MODEL _____
VIN _____

	PASS	FAIL	COMMENTS
LIGHTS (Front & Rear)	_____	_____	_____
FLASHERS	_____	_____	_____
REFLECTORS	_____	_____	_____
HORN	_____	_____	_____
WINDSHIELD WIPERS	_____	_____	_____
MIRRORS	_____	_____	_____
SEATBELTS	_____	_____	_____
BUMPER HEIGHT	_____	_____	_____
ALL WINDOWS	_____	_____	_____
MUFFLER	_____	_____	_____
TIRES	_____	_____	_____
BRAKES	_____	_____	_____
DOORS	_____	_____	_____
GENERAL CONDITION OF VEHICLE	_____	_____	_____

**Attach this completed Inspection Sheet with your permit or renewal application
and remit to:**

**City of Bloomington
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401 N. Morton St.
Bloomington, Indiana 47404
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Additional Comments by Inspector: _____

Inspector Signature _____

Date: _____

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Chapter 4.28, Mobile Vendors

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4.28.010 Definitions.

The following terms shall have the following meanings:

“Beverage” means any nonalcoholic liquid, hot or cold, intended for use in whole or in part for human consumption.

“City property” means all outdoor areas which are owned, or leased as lessee, by the City or one of the City’s departments, or upon which the City or one of its departments has an easement or right-of-way including, but not limited to, streets, sidewalks, plazas or other areas adjacent to buildings owned by the City or one of its departments.

“Food” means any raw, cooked, frozen or processed edible substance or beverage intended for use in whole or in part for human consumption.

“Mobile food vendor unit” means a person who sells, serves, offers for sale, or gives away food or beverages from any self-contained mobile unit, independent with respect to water, sewer and power utilities, capable of moving or being moved, is meant to be portable and is not permanently attached to the ground, consisting of an enclosed truck, trailer, bus, or similar vehicle that contains equipment used for the sale and/or preparation of food or beverages merchandise and is closed up when not in operation. An ice cream truck that does not park or locate in any one place for longer than ten minutes is not considered a mobile food vendor unit for purposes of this Chapter.

“Private property” means all outdoor areas which are not owned or leased by any governmental agency or entity, including, but not limited to, streets, sidewalks, plazas, parking lots, or other areas adjacent to buildings not owned by a governmental agency or entity.

“Special Event” is any event so designated by the City of Bloomington Board of Public Works.

4.28.020 Operations generally.

It is unlawful to locate a mobile food vendor unit in the City except in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter.

4.28.030 Business License—Required.

- (a) It is unlawful to locate a mobile food vendor unit in the City without first having secured a license to do so as provided by this Chapter.
- (b) A separate license shall be required for each mobile food vendor unit.
- (c) This Chapter does not apply to any recognized participant of a Special Event.
- (d) It is not necessary to obtain a temporary use permit under Chapter 20 of the Bloomington Municipal Code in order to obtain a license for a mobile food vendor unit under this Chapter.

4.28.040 Business License—Application.

Any person desiring a license under this Chapter shall submit a fully completed application to the City Controller at least fourteen days prior to the proposed date of utilizing the mobile food vendor unit. The application must set forth or have attached the following information as specified:

- (a) The applicant's name, current physical address, telephone number, email address and date of birth;
- (b) The name, current physical address, and telephone number of the person, firm, limited liability company, corporation or organization which the applicant is employed by or represents, and the length of time of such employment or representation;
- (c) If the applicant is employed by or represents a firm, limited liability company or corporation, the applicant shall provide the name and current physical address of all members of the firm or limited liability company, or all officers of the corporation, as the case may be;
- (d) If the applicant is employed by or represents a corporation or limited liability company then there shall be stated on the application the date of incorporation or organization, the state of incorporation or organization, and if the applicant is a corporation or limited liability company formed in a state other than the State of Indiana, the date on which such corporation or limited liability company qualified to transact business as a foreign corporation or foreign limited liability company in the State of Indiana;
- (e) The type of products to be sold and the hours of the day the applicant plans to conduct business;
- (f) The place or places where said business may be conducted, and a written statement, if applicable, from the owner of any private property wherein the business may be conducted authorizing the applicant to use the property;
- (g) The duration of the license being sought;
- (h) A statement as to whether or not a license, under the provisions of this Chapter, or any other similar ordinance of the City of Bloomington or any other county, town, municipality, or State has been revoked, together with the details thereof; and
- (i) The designation of a resident of the State of Indiana as a registered agent for purposes of receiving notices from the City of Bloomington or other service of process, as a result of doing business in the City of Bloomington.

4.28.050 Business License—Prerequisites.

An application for a license under this Chapter shall not be considered unless proof of the following are provided with the application:

- (a) All applicable permits required by the Monroe County Health Department, including but not limited to a Food Service Establishment License or a Certified Food Handler Certificate;
- (b) Proof of registration as a business with the Indiana Secretary of State;
- (c) Proof of an Employer Identification Number;
- (d) If business is to be conducted on City property, a resolution from the City's Board of Public Works;
- (e) If business is to be conducted on or in property owned or managed by the City of Bloomington Parks Department, a letter of approval from said Department;
- (f) If any type of spark, flame or fire will be produced, proof of an Open Burn Permit issued by the City of Bloomington Fire Department;
- (g) Proof of insurance in accordance with the amounts established by this Chapter;

- (h) A copy of the Indiana registration for the vehicle;
- (i) Copy of a valid driver's license;
- (j) Copy of an Indiana Driver's Record and/or equivalent of whatever State has issued the applicant his/her driver's license;
- (k) Proof of an independent safety inspection of all vehicles to be used in the business in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter;
- (l) A scaled site plan showing the location of the proposed mobile food vendor unit and the properties: drives, parking access aisles, fire lanes, sidewalks and accessible routes; and
- (m) Proof of payment for, or exemption from, the applicable fee.

4.28.060 Business License—Duration and Fee.

- (a) Each applicant shall pay a license fee in accordance with the schedule set forth below (all licenses are for a consecutive period of time):
 - (1) One Day License: \$25.00;
 - (2) Three Day License: \$30.00;
 - (3) Seven Day License: \$50.00;
 - (4) Thirty Day License: \$75.00;
 - (5) Three Month License: \$150.00;
 - (6) Six Month License: \$200.00; and
 - (7) One Year License: \$350.00.
- (b) The following listed organizations and/or entities while required to obtain a license under this Chapter are exempt from having to pay any fees, so long as the proceeds thereof are to be used exclusively for religious, charitable, educational or scientific purposes:
 - (1) Churches;
 - (2) Schools;
 - (3) Benevolent organizations;
 - (4) Fraternal organizations; and
 - (5) Other similarly situated organizations.
- (c) Pursuant to Ind. Code 25-25-2-1, while all honorably discharged veterans are required to obtain a license under this Chapter they are exempt from having to pay any fees.

4.28.070 Application Fee—Refund on Denial.

An applicant shall pay an application fee in the minimum amount of \$25.00, unless exempted under Section 4.28.060. In the event the license is granted, the application fee shall be retained by the City and applied toward the license fee. In the event the license is denied, \$20.00 of the application fee shall be retained to defray the administrative expense incurred in investigating and processing the application, and any remainder shall be refunded to the applicant.

4.28.080 Effect of Cessation of Business.

No deductions shall be allowed from the fee for a license issued pursuant to this Chapter for any part of the term of which the licensee does not engage in such business.

4.28.090 Business License—Insurance and Indemnity.

- (a) Each applicant for a license shall provide a certificate of liability insurance to the City Controller upon a form approved by the Corporation Counsel of the City of Bloomington, insuring the applicant, and naming the City of Bloomington as co-insured, against the following liabilities and in the following amounts relative to such activity:
 - (1) Personal injury: \$100,000.00 per occurrence and \$300,000.00 in the aggregate;
 - (2) Property damage: \$25,000.00 per occurrence and \$50,000.00 in the aggregate; and
 - (3) Indiana minimum, at least, for motor vehicle insurance coverage.

(b) Each applicant shall provide a document approved by the Corporation Counsel for the City of Bloomington, in which the applicant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Bloomington for losses or expenses arising out of the operation of his/her business.

4.28.100 Business License—Issuance.

(a) The Controller shall within fourteen days of receipt of the completed application issue the business license to the applicant if the Controller finds the following:

- (1) Compliance with all provisions of this Chapter;
- (2) The applicant has not had a prior license issued under this Chapter, or any other similar licensed authorized by a different governmental entity, suspended or revoked; and
- (3) The applicant has not been previously found to be in violation of this Chapter, or any other similar law promulgated by a different governmental entity.

(b) The Controller may, upon a finding of appropriateness, issue a business license to an applicant who has been found to meet the terms of the above subsections 4.28.100(a) (1)-(2).

(c) Failure of the Controller to issue a license within fourteen days of completion of the application constitutes denial of the application. The applicant may appeal the denial by filing a written statement to the City's Board of Public Works within ten days after passage of those fourteen days. The Board of Public Works shall, within the next thirty days, determine whether the applicant has complied with all provisions of Section 4.28.100(a), and if so, shall authorize the Controller to issue the license if there is such compliance. Prior to this determination, which is final and conclusive, the applicant will have an opportunity to be heard regarding the denial.

4.28.110 Business License—Transferability.

A license issued pursuant to this Chapter shall not be transferable to another licensee.

4.28.120 Business License—Identification.

(a) All licenses issued by the Controller under this Chapter shall be prominently displayed on the mobile food vendor unit and shall be shown to any person who requests to see the license.

(b) Failure to display or exhibit a license in accordance with this Section may be grounds for suspension or revocation of said license.

4.28.130 Business License—Safety Inspection Required.

(a) No license shall be issued to locate a mobile food vendor unit unless each vehicle to be used by the business has undergone an independent safety inspection within the last two years; a copy of the safety inspection report shall be included with the application.

(b) It is unlawful to locate a mobile food vendor unit which has not undergone and passed an independent safety inspection in accordance with this Section.

(c) If, at any time, the City of Bloomington has probable cause to believe that a mobile food vendor unit is unsafe or in a mechanically unsound condition, the Chief of Police or his/her designee may order a mobile food vendor unit licensed under this Chapter to undergo an immediate safety inspection. The immediate safety inspection must occur within five business days and a copy of the safety inspection report shall be promptly submitted to the Chief of Police or his/her designee. If the safety inspection reveals deficiencies with the mobile food vendor unit, the mobile food vendor unit can not be used until such time as the deficiencies have been remedied.

4.28.140 Location Restrictions. Except as provided for in Section 4.28.030(d) of this Title, the following location restrictions apply:

(a) No mobile food vendor unit shall locate in any parking lot, parking space, or parking facility owned, leased or managed by the City of Bloomington unless approval has been given by the City's Board of Public Works.

(b) No mobile food vendor unit shall operate within fifty feet of any facade of a ground level establishment that also sells food or beverages, or operate within fifty feet of the perimeter of such an establishment's outdoor seating area, regardless of whether or not the mobile food vendor unit is currently conducting business. The distance restriction only applies from one hour before the opening time to an hour after the closing time posted by a ground level establishment on the facade of its building.

(c) No mobile food vendor unit shall locate in an alleyway.

(d) Mobile food vendor units shall be located a reasonable distance from all posted bus stops, crosswalks, driveways, alleyways, right-of-way lines of two or more intersecting streets and building entrances or walk-up windows.

(e) Mobile food vendor units shall only be located on private property if the private property owner has provided both the business operator and the City written permission for the mobile food vendor unit to locate on said property.

(f) No mobile food vendor unit shall locate within a one block radius of a Special Event unless prior approval has been granted by either the operator of the Special Event or the City's Board of Public Works.

(g) No mobile food vendor unit shall park on City property in violation of any City parking regulation, restriction, or ordinance. For example, if parking at one, or multiple, parking meters, the operator of the mobile food vendor unit shall feed all relevant parking meters with the required monetary amount.

(h) No mobile food vendor unit shall be located in a manner which would significantly impede or prevent the use of any City of Bloomington property, or which would endanger the safety or property of the public.

(i) No mobile food vendor unit shall be located within fifteen feet of any fire hydrant.

(j) No mobile food vendor shall locate within any zoning district except the following: Commercial General; Commercial Arterial; Commercial Downtown; Industrial General; Business Park; and Institutional.

(k) No mobile food vendor operating on private property shall displace required parking or landscaping nor block any drives, parking access aisles, fire lanes, sidewalks, or accessible routes required for the private parking by the City's zoning code.

(l) No mobile food vendor unit shall be located more than one foot away from the curb of the street on which it is parked.

(m) No mobile food vendor unit shall park near an intersection and in a manner that blocks the line-of-sight of drivers using adjacent roadways.

4.28.150 Prohibited Hours.

No mobile food vendor unit shall be located on any public property between the hours of 4:30 a.m. and 6:30 a.m.

4.28.160 Standards of Conduct.

All mobile food vendor unit operators shall conform to the following standards of conduct:

(a) Mobile food vendor unit operators shall conduct themselves at all times in an orderly and lawful manner, and shall not make, or cause to be made, any unreasonable noise of such volume as to be in violation of the City of Bloomington Noise Ordinance as stated in Title 14 of the Bloomington Municipal Code;

(b) A device may not be used which would amplify sounds nor may attention be drawn to the mobile food vendor unit by an aural means or a light-producing device (examples of such devices may include, but are not meant to be limited to the following: bull horns and strobe lights);

- (c) No mobile food vendor unit may be permanently or temporarily affixed to any object, including but not limited to buildings, trees, telephone poles, streetlight poles, traffic signal poles or fire hydrants;
- (d) No mobile food vendor unit may be used to advertise any product which is not authorized to be sold from that unit;
- (e) Each mobile food vendor unit shall be limited to one sandwich board sign that meets the provisions of Section 20.05.086 of the Bloomington Municipal Code regardless of the zoning district in which it locates, provided a sign permit is obtained from the City's Planning and Transportation Department;
- (f) No mobile food vendor unit may make use of any public or private electrical outlet while in operation;
- (g) Each mobile food vendor unit shall protect against littering and shall have both an adequate trash receptacle and a separate receptacle for recyclable materials:
 - (1) The trash and recyclable receptacles shall be emptied sufficiently often to allow disposal of litter and waste by the public at any time;
 - (2) The trash and recyclable receptacles on the mobile food vendor unit shall not be emptied into trash or recyclable receptacles owned by the City of Bloomington;
 - (3) Liquid from the mobile food vendor unit shall not be discharged on or in a City sewer or drain or elsewhere on City property, nor on private property without the express written consent of the owner thereof;
- (h) Before leaving any location each mobile food vendor unit shall first pick up, remove and dispose of all trash, refuse and/or recyclable materials, including products spilled on the ground within twenty feet of the mobile food vendor unit.
- (i) No mobile food vendor unit shall expose any pedestrian to any undue safety or health hazards nor shall it be maintained so as to create a public nuisance;
- (j) Each mobile food vendor unit shall be maintained free and clear of dirt, and finishes shall not be chipped, faded or unduly marred;
- (k) Foods or beverages which present a substantial likelihood that liquid matter or particles will drop to the street or sidewalk during the process of carrying or consuming the food or beverage shall be sold in proper containers so as to avoid falling to the street or sidewalk;
- (l) Mobile food vendor units which utilize a grill or device that may result in a spark, flame or fire shall adhere to the following additional standards:
 - (1) Be placed approximately 20 feet from a building or structure;
 - (2) Provide a barrier between the grill or device and the general public;
 - (3) The spark, flame or fire shall not exceed 12 inches in height;
 - (4) A fire extinguisher shall be within reaching distance of the mobile food vendor unit operator at all times;
- (m) Mobile food vendor unit operators shall be required to obey the commands of law enforcement officers or fire officials with respect to activity carried out inside of the City's jurisdictional limits, including, where possible, the removal of the mobile food vendor unit and cessation of such sales;
- (n) No mobile food vendor unit shall ever be left unattended;
- (o) Mobile food vendor units shall not be stored, parked or left overnight on any City property;
- (p) All mobile food vendor units which are food service establishments as defined by Title 10.17 of the Bloomington Municipal Code shall install an approved grease interceptor or grease trap. Foods, oils and greases shall never be discharged into the City's sewer or storm drains;
- (q) All mobile food vendor unit operators are required to collect and pay all applicable and appropriate sales taxes;
- (r) No mobile food vendor shall provide customer seating unless approval has been provided by the City's Board of Public Works and the City's Planning and Transportation Department;
- (s) All mobile food vendors shall comply with the lighting standards found in Chapter 20.05 of the Bloomington Municipal Code;
- (t) All mobile food vendors shall comply with the vision clearance standards found in Chapter 20.05 of the Bloomington Municipal Code;
- (u) No mobile food vendor shall have a drive-thru; and
- (v) The decibels of any generator(s) associated with a mobile food vendor unit shall not exceed "70dBA".

- (1) Such noise measurement shall be made at a height of at least four (4) feet above the ground and at a point approximately twenty-five (25) feet away from where the noise is being emitted on a sound level meter operated on the "A" weighting network (scale).
- (2) No person other than the operators shall be within twenty-five (25) feet of the sound level meter during the sample period.
- (3) Sound measurements shall be conducted at that time of day or night when the relevant noise source is emitting sound.
- (4) The sound level measurement shall be determined as follows:
 - (A) Calibrate the sound level meter within one (1) hour before use.
 - (B) Set the sound level meter on the "A" weighted network at slow response.
 - (C) Set the omnidirectional microphone in an approximately seventy-degree position in a location which complies with subsections (1) and (2) herein. The operator of the sound level meter shall face the noise source and record the meter's instantaneous response.
 - (D) Recalibrate the sound level meter after use.
- (5) It shall be unlawful for any person to interfere, through the use of sound or otherwise, with the taking of sound level measurement.

4.28.170 Safety Requirements.

- All mobile food vendor units shall comply with the following safety requirements:
- (a) All equipment installed shall be secured in order to prevent movement during transit and to prevent detachment in the event of a collision or overturn.
 - (b) All utensils shall be stored in a manner to prevent their being hurled about in the event of a sudden stop, collision or overturn. A safety knife holder shall be provided by the vendor to avoid loose storage of knives and other sharp or bladed instruments.
 - (c) All foods and beverages to be used, prepared, cooked, displayed, sold, served, offered for sale or stored in a mobile food vendor unit, or during transportation to or between locations shall be from sources approved by the health authorities of the point of origin and must be clean, wholesome, free from spoilage, adulteration, contamination or misbranding and safe for human consumption. The standards for judging wholesomeness for human food shall be those promulgated and amended from time to time by the United States Food and Drug Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, the State Department of Health, the State Department of Agriculture, and the Monroe County Health Department and published in the United States Code of Federal Regulations, the Indiana Code Annotated or the Indiana Administrative Code, and the Monroe County Code.
 - (d) Each mobile food vendor unit shall be constructed so that the portions of the unit containing food shall be covered so that no dust or dirt will settle on the food; and such portions of the unit which are designed to contain food shall be at least eighteen inches above the surface of the public way while the unit is being used for the conveyance of food.
 - (e) The food storage areas of each mobile food vendor unit shall be kept free from rats, mice, flies and other insects and vermin. No living animals, birds, fowl, reptiles or amphibians shall be permitted in any area where food is stored.
 - (f) Hazardous non-food items such as detergents, insecticides, rodenticides, plants, paint and paint products that are poisonous or toxic in nature shall not be stored in the food area of the mobile food vendor unit.

4.28.180 Penalties—Revocation of License.

- (a) Any person, partnership, limited liability company or corporation which violates any provision of this Chapter, shall be subject to the following penalties:
 - (1) Operating a mobile food vendor unit without a license:

First offense	\$2,500.00
Second offense within any 12-month period	\$5,000.00
Third offense, or each thereafter, within any 12-month period	\$7,500.00

- (2) Failure to comply with any other provision of this Chapter:

First offense	\$250.00
Second offense within any 12-month period	\$500.00
Third offense, or each thereafter, within any 12-month period	\$1,000.00

(b) In addition, the Controller’s Office shall, after notice and hearing before the City’s Board of Public Works, suspend or revoke, by written order, any license issued hereunder if the Board of Public Works finds:

- (1) The licensee has violated any provision of this Chapter or any rule or regulation lawfully made under and within the authority of this Chapter;
- (2) The licensee is operating the mobile food vendor unit licensed under this Chapter in a manner contrary to State or local code; or
- (3) Any fact or condition exists which, if it had existed at the time of the original application for such license, would have permitted the Controller’s Office to refuse originally to issue such license.

(c) Any person charged with violating the provisions of this Chapter may, in the discretion of the enforcement officer, be issued an official warning. If an official warning is issued it shall be considered as affording the violator one opportunity to comply with this Chapter's provisions.

4.28.190 Restriction on Use and Licenses.

The City of Bloomington has exclusive authority to restrict the use of mobile food vendor units and the issuance of business licenses for mobile food vendor units under the following conditions:

- (a) The City may restrict the use of mobile food vendor units in certain designated areas of the City in the event of an emergency declared by the Mayor, the Chief of Police, the Fire Chief, the Director Public Works, the Director of Utilities, and/or any of the aforementioned duly appointed designees.
- (b) Absent an emergency as described above, the City may restrict the use of mobile food vendor units in certain designated areas of the City provided the City has given each mobile food vendor unit licensee written notice of the restriction at least seventy-two hours in advance of the restriction going into effect.

Mobile Food Vendor - Quick Reference Guide

The City of Bloomington allows mobile food vendors to operate within the City after they meet certain standards. This guide is an overview of the permitting process, and operation requirements for mobile food vendors. For more information, and the full version of the City ordinance, please see <http://www.bloomington.in.gov> or contact Andrea "De" de la Rosa, Assistant Director of Small Business Development, at esd@bloomington.in.gov or (812) 349-3418.

Mobile Food Vendor Definition

- Person who sells, serves, or gives away food or beverages from any self-contained mobile unit.
- Is capable of moving or being moved, is meant to be portable and is not permanently attached to the ground.
- Consists of an enclosed truck, trailer, bus, or similar vehicle that contains equipment used for the sale and/or preparation of food or beverages.
- Is closed up when not in operation.
- An ice cream truck that does not park or locate in any one place for longer than ten minutes is not required to obtain a Mobile Vendor license.

Required Permits and Licenses

- Indiana Business License.
- Monroe County Health Inspection
- City of Bloomington Mobile Food Vendor License
- Approval from the Board of Public Works if you wish to operate in the public right-of-way
- Proof of independent safety inspection of all vehicles used in the business
- Proof of insurance indemnity

Hours of Operation

6:30 AM to 4:30 AM when located on public property.

Mobile food vendor vehicles cannot be left unattended and/or parked and not open for business for more than 1 hour before opening or 1 hour after closing.

General Operations

- Generator decibels cannot exceed 70 dBA.
- Each vendor is allowed one sandwich board sign that does not impede the right-of-way.
- Vendor cannot be attached to any object, (includes buildings, trees, telephone poles, streetlight poles, traffic signal poles or fire hydrants).
- Vendors cannot advertise any product which they are not authorized to sell.
- Vendors may not use public or private electrical outlets while in operation.
- Vendors must use a grease trap or interceptor. These can not be emptied into City sewers or drains.
- Devices that amplify sound, or draw attention with light or noise cannot be used (i.e. bullhorns or strobe lights).

Operating on Private Property

Vendors are prohibited from operating on private property without written permission from the property owner. Any vendor wishing to operate from private property must submit a site plan for approval.

Parking Restrictions

Mobile food vendors can park on city streets as long as they follow all City parking restrictions and ordinances, including payment of parking meters.

They may not park:

- Within 50 feet of any façade or outdoor seating of a ground level establishment that also sells food or beverages. (This only applies from an hour before the establishment's opening to an hour after closing.)
- In alleyways.
- Within 15 feet of a fire hydrant.
- More than 1 foot from the curb.
- In an intersection or blocking other drivers' line of sight.

Special Events

Vendors must gain approval to operate in or near Special Events approved for City property or in the public right-of-way.

Vendors may not operate within a one block radius of a Special Event without prior approval from either the Special Event coordinator or the City's Board of Public Works. Information on the dates and locations of Special Events can be obtained by contacting Jason Carnes.

Mobile Food Vendor Zones

Vendors are allowed within the following zoning districts: Commercial General; Commercial Arterial; Commercial Downtown; Industrial General; Business Park; and Institutional.

Prohibited Items

- A drive-through.
- Customer seating without prior approval.
- A generator louder than 70dBA
- A device to amplify sounds.
- A light-producing device.

Fire Safety Precautions

If you have a grill, or any type of flame, you must:

- Must obtain an Open Burn Permit from the Bloomington Fire Department.
- Be 20 feet from any building.
- Have a barrier between flame and public.
- Limit flame to 12 inches in height.
- Have a fire extinguisher within reach.

Other Safety Precautions

- Equipment must be secured within the unit.
- Store knives and sharp utensils in a safety knife holder.
- Follow appropriate USDA, FDA and Monroe County safety regulations for food handling and storage.
- Vendor must protect food from dirt and dust, and food must be kept at least 18 inches above the road.
- Keep food storage area free of rats, mice, flies and other vermin.
- Animals are not allowed in food storage area.
- Don't keep toxic or hazardous items like detergents, pesticides, or paint in the food storage area.

Clean Up and Recycling

Before leaving any location, first pick up, remove and dispose of all trash, refuse and/or recyclable materials, including products spilled on the ground within twenty feet of the mobile food vendor unit

Vendors must also:

- Have separate recycling and trash containers.
- Empty containers frequently, so customers can dispose of their trash. Do not empty trash or recycling into City facilities.

Permit Length and Fees

- One Day License: \$25.00
- Three Day License: \$30.00
- Seven Day License: \$50.00
- Thirty Day License: \$75.00
- Three Month License: \$150.00
- Six Month License: \$200.00
- One Year License: \$350.00

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