

City of Meriden

Food Truck Memo

Itinerant Food Vending Establishment- A food vending business serving food or drink from any establishment or conveyance without fixed location and without connection to water supply and sewage disposal systems.

Authorization and location subject to Zoning Approval

Food trucks shall only be permitted in C-1, C-1-A, C-2, M-1, M-2, M-3, M-4, and RDD zoning districts. Vendor shall obtain a Zoning permit to operate.

Prior to obtaining Zoning approval, Applicants shall obtain approval from the **Tax Assessor** and provide the following documents:

- **Employee Identification Number (EIN)**
- **REG-1: CT Tax Registration Form**
- **Sales and Use Tax Permit**

Applicants are also required to obtain a **Vendor Permit** from the Meriden Police Department as well as copies of **DMV registration** and **Proof of Insurance** for the vehicle.

Applicants shall provide a business narrative detailing hours of operation, number of employees, proposed location, name of the business, and the variety of goods being sold. Open air food trucks (hot dog carts) are prohibited. The operation of food trucks must comply with [Chapter 112 Food and Food Service Establishments](#) of the City Code. The owner/operator must also adhere to the following provisions:

A.) LOCATION AND HOURS OF OPERATION

- If the applicant proposes a location on private property, written approval from the property owner is required.
- Vendors shall not operate between the hours of 9:00 p.m and 8:00 a.m.
- Proposed location shall not be located within 500 feet of a restaurant.

B.) SIGNAGE

- Itinerant Food Vending Establishments are limited to signs attached to the exterior. The signs must:
 1. Be secured and mounted flat against the establishment; and
 2. May not project more than six (6) inches from the exterior
- A sign permit may be required.

C.) NOISE MITIGATION

- Amplified music is prohibited.
- Generators shall be maintained to good working condition and shielded to effectively reduce noise.
- Vendors must adhere to the provisions of [the City Code Chapter 141 Noise](#)

D.) LIGHTING

- All lights emitting from the establishment must be properly hooded and shielded.

E.) WASTE

- During business hours, the permit holder shall provide a trash receptacle for customer use.
- Surrounding area must be kept clear of litter and debris.

F.) POWER SOURCE

- Owner/operator must provide/have access to their own power supply. Electrical service may be provided by:
 1. Temporary service or other connection provided by an electric utility; or
 2. An onboard generator.

G.) WATER SOURCE

- Owner/operator is required to provide/have access to their own water source. Hooking up to city water supply is prohibited.

Approval from Health Department and City Clerk is also required following zoning approval. Temporary food vendors require a temporary permit from the Health Department, which is valid for 14 days.