



SAINT PAUL
MINNESOTA

Food Truck/Mobile Food Unit Regulations

Food trucks operating in the City of Saint Paul must be licensed either by the [Minnesota Department of Health](#) and/or the [Minnesota Department of Agriculture](#). The type of license required depends on the types of food and products sold, the type of vehicle, and the location(s) operated.

Operating on public streets

Food trucks intending to operate while parked on a public street in the City must adhere to all parking restrictions that apply to any other vehicle.

- Food trucks may only operate in the public right of way adjacent to parcels where outdoor commercial uses are permitted.
- When a food truck is parked on the street at a meter, the operator is only permitted to “plug” the meter one time and may park at that space for the time allotted by the meter. When the meter expires, the operator must relocate.
- Event organizers can apply for meter hooding permits for special events, and they may allow food truck operators to use those hooded spaces for the event.
- Food truck operators may not set up tables or chairs, LP tanks or portable generators on the street or sidewalk.
- No electrical wires or other connections may be placed on the sidewalk to service a food truck or cause any obstruction to pedestrian traffic.
- City approval is required when a food truck operates in the same location for more than 21 days annually, per state law; this same requirement applies when operating on private property.

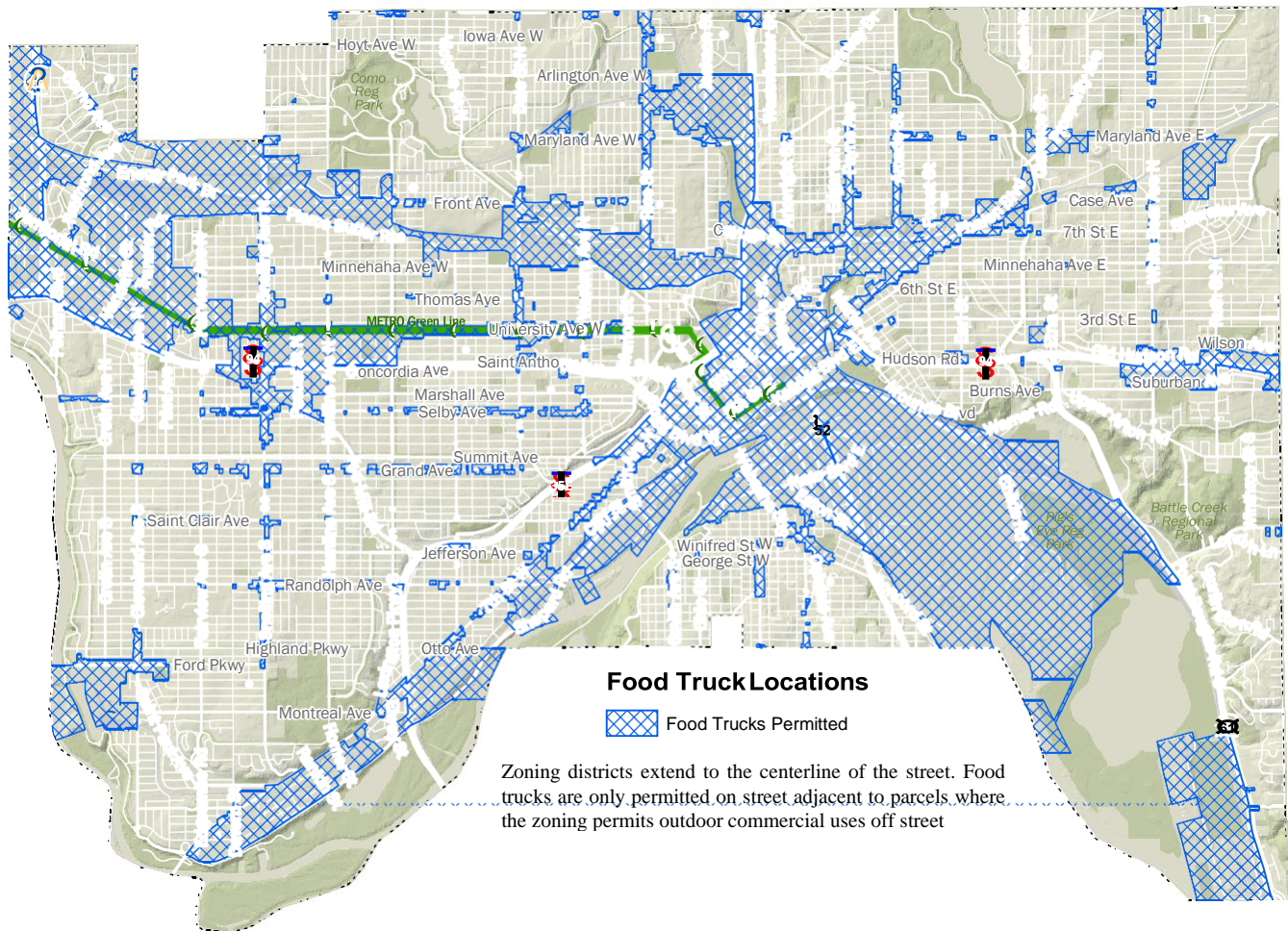
Operating on park property

- Selling merchandise of any type on park property is not allowed (Parks and Recreation Rules and Regulations, CH. 2 / Section 3: Commercial Use) unless authorized by the Parks and Recreation Director.
- Food truck operators may seek approval to operate on park property by contacting Parks and Recreation Customer Support, 651-266-6400, parkscustomerservice@ci.stpaul.mn.us. Proposals must present a public benefit and will be individually reviewed by the Director (e.g., service tied to an existing park permit, service in an area with limited alternate food options).
- Approved proposals will have a defined scope (location, time, dates) and may have a reporting requirement. A permit fee may be collected along with copies of food truck licenses.
- Food truck operators approved to sell on park property must follow all rules and regulations related to parking. Motor vehicle parking is not allowed in any grassy area or in any area designated “no parking” either by painted curb, signage or both (Parks and Recreation Rules and Regulations CH. 2 /Section 4.D)

Operating on private property

- You must obtain permission from the property owner to operate a food truck on private property. If the property is owned by a public entity such as the City, County or State, permission is still required. You can look up who owns a property at <https://www.ramseycounty.us/residents/property-home/property-tax-and-value-lookup>
- Zoning regulations allow food trucks to set up on private property in the T2, T3, T4, B2, B3, B4, B5, I1, and I2 zones (map on following page). The operation must adhere to Zoning Code § 65.525.
- A conditional use permit is required if the operation will occupy more than ten percent (10%) of the zoning lot or one thousand (1,000) square feet, whichever is less. (Exception: In I2 zone, this does not apply.)
- Food truck(s) shall not conflict with required off-street parking, off-street loading and the system of pedestrian flow, and shall not obstruct building ingress and egress. Contact the DSI zoning office (651-266-9008 or dsi-informationandcomplaints@stpaul.gov) for inquiries about this requirement.
- The area shall be kept free of litter.

Food Trucks Allowed in these Locations, on street and off street



Storing the Food Truck

- A food truck cannot be parked overnight or stopped on a property zoned residential or occupied exclusively as residential.
- All street parking regulations apply. Trailers parked in the street must be connected to a vehicle that is capable of towing the trailer.

Questions? Please call 651-266-6600.

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