

TOWN OF NATICK
FOOD TRUCK POLICY
Revised January 27, 2014

1. Intentions

It is the intent of the Town of Natick in establishing this trial policy to regulate the location and operation of mobile food vending services so as to achieve the following goals:

- A. Encourage new investment and economic activity in Natick
- B. Support and grow opportunities for existing restaurants and food businesses
- C. Anticipate demand for Food Trucks by residents, employees and visitors
- D. Provide for siting Food Trucks on public and/or private property
- E. Encourage use of existing town assets and amenities in siting of Food Trucks
- F. Encourage partnerships with associations and organizations
- G. Anticipate Food Trucks in various locations throughout Natick

2. Definition

- A. Food Truck: a readily movable trailer or motorized wheeled vehicle, currently registered with the Massachusetts Division of Motor Vehicles, designed and equipped to cook, prepare, and serve food.

3. Master Agreement Provision:

- A. The Town of Natick may grant approval for Food Trucks as part of any license or agreement to use Town Property, subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen as licensing authority.

4. Locations

- A. Food trucks may be located on privately owned non-residential property, subject to applicable zoning bylaws, with the approval of the property owner. A food truck may not be located in any portion of a parking lot when and where such location would prevent the use of required parking spaces during the regular hours of operation of the primary businesses on the lot, unless the vendor provides documentation that the property would remain compliant with applicable parking requirements. The vending location shall not otherwise interfere with the movement of motor vehicles in the designated parking lot, nor with the safe movement of public safety vehicles and personnel.
- B. Except for the Natick Center Downtown Mixed Use and HOOP districts, Food Trucks may be licensed by the Board of Selectmen upon the recommendation of the Community Development Director or his designee.
- C. Within the Natick Center Downtown Mixed Use and HOOP districts, Food Trucks in Natick Center may be licensed in locations designated by the Board of Selectmen upon the recommendation of the Community Development Director or his designee,

who shall consult with Natick Center Associates prior to making such recommendation.

- D. Food Trucks shall be positioned on marked parking spaces and shall not block drive aisles, other access to loading and/or service areas, or emergency access and fire lanes. Food trucks must also be positioned at least 15' away from fire hydrants, any fire department connection, driveway entrances and alleys.
- E. Food Truck vendors shall comply with all local, county and state tax regulations, including but not limited to retail sales applicable to food and beverages.
- F. This Section shall not be applicable to canteen, coffee or ice cream trucks that move from place to place and are stationary for no more than fifteen minutes at a time.

5. Public Safety and Nuisance Prevention

- A. Food Truck vendors must obtain requisite licenses for operation from the Natick Health Department.
- B. Temporary connections to potable water are prohibited. All plumbing and electrical connections shall be in accordance with the State Building Code.
- C. Grease must be contained and disposed of in accordance with State Sanitary Code.
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- E. Food trucks must have a working fire extinguisher on board during hours of operation.
- F. Food trucks may not operate as a drive-in window operation.
- G. Trash and recycle receptacles shall be provided for customers and trash and recyclables removed from the site daily.
- H. If a food truck is proposed to operate after dark, the vendor must provide appropriate lighting.
- I. No signage shall be allowed other than signs permanently attached to the motor vehicle and a portable menu sign no more than 9 square feet in display area on the ground in the customer waiting area, located so as not to impede pedestrian movement and subject to applicable regulations.
- J. No food truck shall make or cause to be made any unreasonable or excessive noise or odor.

6. Permitting

- A. All licenses for food trucks must be coordinated through the office of the Board of Selectmen; the office will review applications and coordinate required permits and inspections, with the exception of Board of Health permitting.

- B. Food truck vendors must obtain requisite licenses for operation from the Natick Health Department.

7. Fees, subject to establishment and change by Town Meeting

- A. Annual Privilege Permit for Food Trucks operated by restaurants with a Common Victualers Permit issued by the Town of Natick: \$0
- B. Annual Privilege Permit for Food Trucks operated by businesses without a Common Victualers Permit issued by the Town of Natick: \$100
- C. One Time Permits: \$50
- D. Master Agreements including Food Trucks: fees subject to negotiation with the Board of Selectmen