

City of Columbus
Mobile Food Vendor Pilot Program
June 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013

In light of the growing food truck industry and ongoing conversations with stakeholders, the City of Columbus is creating a Mobile Food Vendor Pilot Program that will address some of the current issues with food trucks. The pilot program allows licensed mobile food vendors to legally sell from designated oversized parking metered spots and designated unmetered spots on the street. These designated oversized parking spots will be marked and available on a first come, first serve basis and open to the general public.

What is a Mobile Food Vehicle??

A **mobile food vehicle** shall mean a food establishment that is located upon a vehicle, or which is pulled by a vehicle, where food or beverage is cooked, prepared and/or served for individual portion service, such as a mobile food kitchen. Examples include food trucks, pushcarts, food trailers and ice cream trucks.

Where are the Designated Parking Spots?

Designated oversized parking spots will be marked with a silver star (see below) on the meter pole or marked on the pavement. The list below is a sample of metered locations that have been selected for the pilot program. We are still evaluating additional locations and will have a complete list of approved locations by May 18. We are working with community leaders in Harrison West, Near East, Campus and Clintonville to add additional locations.

- On Park St, north of Spruce St
- On Spruce St @ Armstrong St
- On Spruce St @ School alley
- On Long St @ Ludlow St
- On Long St @ Front St
- On Long St @ Wall St
- On Front St, north of Gay St
- On Front St @ Lafayette St
- On Marconi Blvd, south of Long St
- On Broad St east of Marconi Blvd
- On Gay St, east of Front St
- On W. 1st Ave, west of High St
- On W. Poplar Ave, west of High St
- On Warren St, east of High St (2 spots)
- On High St @ Chestnut St (2 spots)
- On 3rd Ave, west of High St (2 spots)

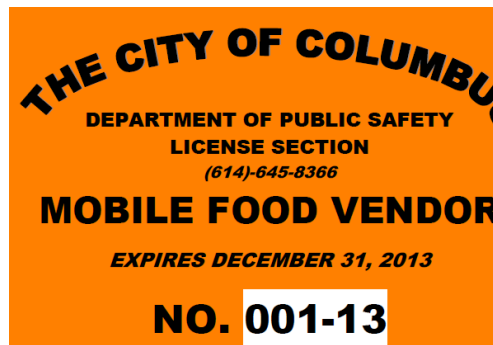


What are the Pilot Guidelines?

- The pilot will begin on June 1 and end on December 31. The Department of Public Safety and Columbus City Council plan to have legislation passed by the end of the pilot to address mobile food vending.
- Selling is permitted at designated spots between the hours of 6am to 3am. This pilot does not affect those selling on private property.
- Any parking restrictions related to the designated spot(s) will apply.
- Parking meters must be paid during enforcement hours.
- All designated spots are on a first come, first serve basis and open to the general public.
- Vehicles/Trailers may be up to 25 feet in length. Oversized parking spots can only safely accommodate 25 feet without impeding pedestrian or vehicular traffic.
- Vendors may serve to the sidewalk side of the vehicle only.
- A minimum of one (1) 30 gallon trash receptacle or up to three (3) receptacles, one (1) to include recycling.
- Keep the area around the vehicle clean and make certain to clean up before leaving.
- Tables and chairs (sidewalk dining) are not permitted in the public right-of-way.
- Pushcarts are required to use traffic cones and wear a safety vest to provide greater visibility to motorist.
- Vehicles may not park on the sidewalk with the exception of pushcarts.

How do I Know Who Can Park in the Designated Spots?

All mobile food vendors parked in the designated spots must have a Temporary Mobile Food Vendor License. The decal below should be properly displayed and demonstrates that the mobile food vehicle has met the necessary requirements to participate in the pilot program.



How do I Provide Feedback?

Feedback is critical to making key legislative decisions as the City moves forward with a comprehensive code to address mobile food vending. Please email feedback to mfv@columbus.gov.