



OPERATING A FOOD TRUCK IN CHICAGO



Mobile Food Vehicles (MFVs) may operate from a designated food stand or a legal parking spot not to exceed a 2-hour service limit. No other MFV may park or operate on such block of the designated food stand when it is occupied. Food stand locations can be found on our website.

STORAGE AND PREPARATION
 No food that is sold or served from a mobile food vehicle may be stored or prepared in a residential home. All operators must work in conjunction with a licensed and approved commissary.

GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM (GPS)
 All MFVs must be equipped with an operational Global Positioning System (GPS) device. The device must meet the requirements set forth in Section 7-38-115 of the Municipal Code of the City of Chicago.

LOCATION RESTRICTIONS
 No MFV shall park or stand such MFV within 200 feet of any principal customer entrance to a restaurant which is located on the street level with the exception of 12 AM – 2AM.

PRIVATE PROPERTY
 MFVs may operate on private property, not to exceed service limits of two hours, as long as the property meets the applicable requirements of the Chicago Zoning Ordinance, and the property owner provides written permission to utilize the property. MFVs are not allowed on privately-owned vacant lots, or a lot of a vacant building.

HOURS
 Hours of operation are 5AM – 2AM, unless otherwise allowed from a mobile food vehicle stand.

FIRE SAFETY PERMIT
 MFV's equipped with gasoline, diesel or electric generator, propane or compressed natural gas, type II exhaust hood or fire suppression system must obtain a MFV Fire Safety Permit. Information is available on our website.

MFV's that use propane or natural gas system must provide a certificate of commercial general liability insurance with limits of not less than \$350,000 per occurrence.