

Food Trucks in Kent

To operate a food truck in Kent, **all vendors** must have:

1. A **Mobile Food Service Permit** from the King County Department of Public Health.

The application to operate a mobile food unit in King County:

<https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/environmental-health/food-safety/food-business-permit/mobile.aspx>

2. A **Business License** to operate in the City of Kent, renewed annually: (you only need one (1) of these):

- If the business is based in Kent (operated in conjunction with a restaurant, for example), you need a **Commercial Business License**: [Business Licenses | City of Kent \(kentwa.gov\)](#)
- If the business is based outside of Kent, but operates in the City, you need an **Outside Contractor License**: [Business Licenses | City of Kent \(kentwa.gov\)](#)
- If the business is run out of a home located in the City of Kent, you need a **Home Occupation Business License**: [Business Licenses | City of Kent \(kentwa.gov\)](#)

For more information about these and other licenses to operate a business in the City of Kent: [Business Licenses | City of Kent \(kentwa.gov\)](#)

An **additional City of Kent permit** *may be* required, depending on where the mobile food business will be operating/ vending:

- If parked in one location for an extended period of time (by agreement with the property owner), you need a **City of Kent Temporary Use Permit**:

[638340166638070000 \(kentwa.gov\)](#)

Temporary Uses are regulated under Kent City Code 15.08.205

<http://www.codepublishing.com/wa/kent/?Kent15/Kent1508.html#15.08.205>

Temporary uses are limited to 90 days, and may not occupy City parks or public lands without approval. If operating in a parking lot, the business may not occupy more than 25% of the parking spaces.

- If moving from place to place, but vending on City streets and other rights-of-way, you need a **City of Kent Street Use Permit**: Apply via the permitting portal [here](#).

Street vendors are regulated under Kent City Code 6.07.060

<http://www.codepublishing.com/WA/Kent/?Kent06/Kent0607.html#6.07.060>

Street vendors may only operate in commercial and industrial zones. They also may not operate within 200 feet of a business selling similar products, and may not operate within 200 feet of a park or public school without written consent.

- If moving from place to place, but vending **ONLY on PRIVATE PROPERTY**, you do not need any additional permits from the City of Kent. You only need the King County Mobile Food Service Permit and a City of Kent Business License.