

## Food Vendors

The City of Yuma licenses two types of food vendors: Mobile and Transient.

Food Vendors are allowed as a Primary or Accessory Use in specific zoning districts.

**MOBILE FOOD VENDOR.** Any person who sells, serves, offers for sale, or gives away only food from a food vending unit which is parked or located on one lot of record throughout the day with customers traveling to the food vendor.

**TRANSIENT FOOD VENDOR.** Any person who sells, serves, offers for sale, or gives away only food from a food vending unit that visits one or multiple lots of record on a daily basis for no more than three hours per site per day, changing locations throughout the day to transact with customers.

Different rules apply to both types of vendors but the following location requirements apply to both types.

Food Vending units may not be located:

- Within 20 feet of a street right-of-way
- Within any visibility triangle
- Within 300 feet of an interstate on/off ramp
- Within 125 feet of a residence or residentially zoned property and
- Within 300 feet of any school.

Allowable Zoning Districts		
Zoning District	Primary Use	Accessory Use
Planned Shopping Center (PSC)	No	Yes
Limited Commercial (B-1)	No	Yes
General Commercial (B-2)	Yes <sup>1</sup>	Yes
Industrial Park (I-P)	No	Yes
Light Industrial (L-I)	No	Yes
Heavy Industrial (H-I)	No	Yes

1 - Must meet all site improvement standards as required by code for new construction on a vacant site.

Multiple Food Trucks may be located on a single mobile food vending site with the approval of a Conditional Use Permit and only within the following zoning districts: PSC, B-1 and B-2.

### Agency Contacts

**City of Yuma**  
Planning & Neighborhood Services  
Planning@YumaAZ.gov  
(928) 373-5175

Business License  
BusinessLicenses@YumaAZ.gov  
(928) 373-5074

**Yuma County**  
Health Department  
(928) 317-4584

**State of Arizona**  
Arizona Department of Revenue  
www.aztaxes.gov  
(602) 255-3381

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## Mobile Food Vendors



City of Yuma - Planning and Neighborhood Services  
1 City Plaza, Yuma, AZ 85364  
Phone: 928-373-5175 E-mail: Planning@YumaAZ.gov

## Applying for a Mobile Food Vendor License

### Step One: Pre-Development Meeting

- ◆ Schedule a pre-development meeting at (928) 373-5175

*There is no fee to have a Pre-Development meeting. It is required in order to discuss any development issues with the request.*

### Step Two: Business License Application Checklist

- Completed application
- Property owner consent form
- Written property owner permission letter to use on-site restroom (not applicable to transient food vendors)
- Site plan with site address for each food vending location
- Transaction Privilege Tax (TPT) number
- Yuma County Health Department permit

Submit the Business License Application to the Business License desk at the City of Yuma City Hall, 1 City Plaza, Yuma, Arizona. Please call the Business License Office with questions at (928) 373-5074.

### MOBILE FOOD VENDOR

A food vendor that operates on a property for more than 3 hours a day

#### Site Requirements

- ◆ Shall only operate on paved surfaces
- ◆ Shall not be located within any required retention areas
- ◆ Shall not block drive aisles or required parking spaces
- ◆ Must provide 3 paved parking spaces for customer use
  - ◇ Tables and chairs cannot block required parking
- ◆ Must have access to a restroom on-site
  - ◇ Portable restrooms are not allowed
- ◆ One mobile menu board is allowed
  - ◇ Must be within five feet of food vending unit
  - ◇ Can't block public sidewalk
- ◆ Must have property owner permission letter on-site at all times
- ◆ Must have and maintain current Yuma County Health Department permit

#### Operation Restrictions

- ◆ Cannot operate between midnight & 5 a.m.
- ◆ Must remove food vending unit and associated structures/furniture from site during hours of non-operation (unless a primary use)
- ◆ Site must be kept clean at all times
- ◆ Can't use any audible or visual disturbances
- ◆ Generator noise level cannot exceed 70 dB at 10 feet

### TRANSIENT FOOD VENDOR

A food vendor that operates on one or more properties for less than 3 hours per site

#### Site Requirements

- ◆ Shall only operate on paved surfaces
- ◆ Shall not be located within any required retention areas
- ◆ Shall not block drive aisles or required parking spaces
- ◆ Tables and chairs are not allowed
- ◆ One mobile menu board is allowed
  - ◇ Must be within five feet of food vending unit
  - ◇ Can't block public sidewalk
- ◆ Must have property owner permission letter on-site at all times
- ◆ Must have and maintain current Yuma County Health Department permit

#### Operation Restrictions

- ◆ Cannot operate between midnight & 5 a.m.
- ◆ Must remove food vending unit and associated structures from site during hours of non-operation
- ◆ Site must be kept clean at all times
- ◆ Can't use any audible or visual disturbances (no bells, chimes, microphones, loudspeakers, amplified music, strobe lights, spot lights, etc.)
- ◆ Generator noise level cannot exceed 70 dB at 10 feet