

West Hartford Police Department Food Truck Regulation Summary

- Licenses are valid for one year. They must be renewed annually. The Food Truck must be an actual vehicle and not a cart or trailer.
- All Food Trucks being operated under a license from the West Hartford Police Department must conform to all applicable State statutes, and local ordinances.
- No Food Truck may stay more than 10 minutes in any one location to service customers EXCEPT on streets categorized as “Local” within an industrial zone. On these streets Food Trucks may serve between the hours of 7:00 am and 11:00 pm for any period they desire; (See Map)
- All Food Trucks must be at least 20 feet from an intersection, be legally parked, and follow all parking restrictions,
- Food Trucks cannot sell food within 500 feet of a public, parochial or private school yard between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on any day when such school is in session or within 500 feet of a public park or playground between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. on any day when such park or playground is open to the public. School grounds are considered by the police department to be public parks when schools are not in session,
- No sales can occur on the street side of the vehicle. All sales must be made with the customer out of the travel portion of the roadway,
- A maximum of two (2) Food Trucks may be parked adjacent to one another, and in no case shall more than two such vehicles be permitted within five hundred (500) feet of another such vehicle or vehicles,
- No Food Trucks shall be permitted within five hundred (500) feet of a restaurant,
- All Food Trucks shall be equipped with their own waste receptacles for use by its customers and under no circumstances shall any waste associated with the vehicle be disposed of in a public waste receptacle. Any waste left on the ground or in the area around the vehicle must be removed prior to vacating the parking spot,
- The use of temporary signs, including portable signs or banners mounted on the Food Trucks, is strictly prohibited,
- The placement of any tables or chairs outside of the Food Truck is strictly prohibited. The use of loudspeakers for projecting either voice or music is strictly prohibited,
- No Food Truck will be permitted to reserve or hold a parking location either through its license application or other means.

NOTE: Sales from Food Trucks on private property can only occur with Zoning Approval. Any operator wishing to operate their food truck on private property must have that approval prior to any sales on private property.