



City of
Mount Gambier



Mobile Food Van Operating Guidelines

Purpose

A mobile food van business requires a permit under Section 222 of the Local Government Act 1999 to operate a business on a public road in the Council area.

The City of Mount Gambier encourages and supports outdoor Mobile Food Vans to create a vibrant and active streets and public places as a part of daily life throughout the city. It adds value to the city for all those who use it, and it creates opportunities for entrepreneurs and established fixed food premises.

Mobile Food Vendor include a truck, caravan, cart or bike.

Operation

All applications must include the following when applying for a mobile food van permit:

- Application Form – Permit to Use Public Road for Mobile Food Van.
- Detailed site plan showing your mobile food vehicle and proposed layout, including dimensions, service window, counter, power source etc.
- The size weight dimensions of the vehicle.
- Current copy of Public Liability Insurance to the value of \$20 million
- South Australia Food Business Notification Number.

Operating Locations & Hours

Mobile Food Vendors can operate within the City of Mount Gambier with a valid permit issued by Council.

The following roads and locations are **NOT** permitted:

The below roads are owned and operated by Department for Infrastructure and Transport and are **not** permitted at any time:

- Jubilee Highway East and West
- Penola Road (Riddoch Highway)
- Bay Road
- White Avenue
- Pick Avenue (Punt Road)

The Crater Lakes area is **not** permitted at any time, this includes the Valley Lakes.

We do have designated Mobile Food Van parking spaces located around the Blue Lake including at the Information Centre on John Watson Drive and another three spaces at the Cactus Garden, see Maps on page 4.

The following streets within the Central Business District area are **not** permitted during business trading hours listed below:

- Commercial Street East and West (between Wehl Street North/Wehl Street South)
- Crouch Street North and South
- Sturt Street / Helen Street (between Wehl Street South and Ferrers Street)

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| Monday to Wednesday | 7.30a.m. and 5.30p.m. |
| Thursday | 7.30a.m. and 8.00p.m. |
| Friday | 7.30a.m. and 5.30p.m. |
| Saturday | 7.30a.m. and 12.30p.m. |

Operating Requirements

The vendor must comply with the location and operating rules and any other requirements on the permit.

In residential areas the food van must only be parked for no longer than 30 minutes UNLESS timed parking regulations are in place.

Permission will not be granted for any 15 or 30 minute parking space, nor loading zones, disabled parks, taxi ranks or bus stops.

The food van must always avoid encroachment on bike lanes.

Serving area to be from footpath-side of the vehicle only.

The Mobile Food Vehicle must not require external power or water connection and be self-sufficient.

Vans must be of dimensions which enable them to easily park in a standard parking space of 2.3 metres wide and 6 metres long (as per the Local Government (Parking) Regulations 1991). If the van or truck is wider than a standard car park vendors will not be permitted to trade from any car parks.

Vendors must abide by the *Local Nuisance & Litter Control Act 2016* regarding any Noise complaints e.g. generators.

Amendment of these location rules

The operating guidelines may be amended from time to time by the Council. The operating guidelines must be amended by the Council if directed by to so by the Small Business Commissioner or to satisfy a requirement of the Minister for Local Government. All holders of a Mobile Food Vendors Permit will be advised of any amendments and/or changes to the operating guidelines within five working days of the guidelines being amended and/or changed.

Operate at a reasonable distance from a fixed food business

A mobile food vending business must select a site for operation which allows for a reasonable distance between the mobile food vending business and fixed food businesses during the operating hours of the fixed food businesses.

Explanation - A 'fixed food business' is '*a business the primary purpose of which is the retail sale of food or beverages that is carried on at fixed premises*'. Fixed food businesses include cafes, restaurants, delicatessens, takeaway food businesses, bakeries, greengrocers, health food shops, butchers, supermarkets and, in some cases, service stations.

A 'reasonable distance' will depend on the circumstances and may vary from location to location. Please speak to a General Inspector for confirmation if required.

A mobile food business must consider the location, number and operating hours of fixed food businesses in the Council area when determining if the location in which the mobile food vending business wishes to trade is a reasonable distance from fixed food businesses. Determining a reasonable distance from fixed food businesses requires a balancing of these factors.

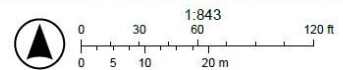
Be aware that you may be required to provide an explanation of your reasoning to the Council. If surrounding businesses raise concerns on the location of a mobile food vendor, Council may require the vending operation to relocate.

Maps

Mobile Food Vans Only - John Watson Drive - Blue Lake Welcome Centre



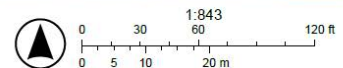
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Mobile Food Vans Only - John Watson Drive - Cactus Garden



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Compliance with Legislative Requirements

The Environment Protection Act 1993, The Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act 2016, The Motor Vehicle Act 1959 and the Road Traffic Act 1961, The Food Act 2001, The South Australian Public Health Act 2011.

Legislation relating to electrical or gas installations or appliances; and relevant legislation relating to health, safety, or the environment.