

Food Trucks and Food Carts

Quick Reference Guide to Bend's Food Truck and Food Cart Requirements



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Planning Division

Contact us at planning@bendoregon.gov or (541)-388-5580 Ext 3.

The [Bend Development Code \(BDC\)](#) establishes the rules and regulations for development in Bend. The [Planning Division](#) provides guidance on BDC requirements and permits development such as commercial site plans, changes of use, signs, and more, including the establishment, relocating, and modification of Food Trucks and Food Carts. This reference guide is intended to help owners / operators navigate City of Bend requirements.

After you read through this guide, please email planning@bendoregon.gov, or visit the Permit Center, and speak with the Planner on Duty, if you have questions. It is helpful to know the property address where you are proposing to locate your food truck/cart.

Does the proposed site for the Food Truck/Cart meet requirements?

- A single Food Truck/Cart may be permitted through [Minimum Standards Development \(MDS\) review](#), with authorization from the property owner.
- Eligible sites must have sidewalks along property frontages.
- Confirm health requirements, with Deschutes County Environmental Health. [Deschutes County Environmental Health regulations](#).
- Food Trucks/Carts can locate on a Commercial Zoned private property which Planning has approved for a defined number of food truck/cart pads. Examples of these food cart pods would be The Podski, Midtown Yacht Club, The Lot, On Tap, River's Place.
- Food Carts can vend in the public right-of-way through the [Sidewalk Vendor Licenses program](#). Please review this program for vending locations and program details.

The following zoning districts permit or conditionally permit food truck/cart use.

	Bend Central District	Commercial Zoning Districts	Mixed-Use Zoning Districts	Industrial Zoning Districts	Residential Zoning Districts
Food Truck or Cart	Food Truck/Cart is a Permitted Use in Bend Central District , Commercial , Mixed-Use zones, and the.			Conditional Use Permit is required for Food Truck/Cart use in IL, as Small-scale personal and professional services. See 2.4.300 Permitted and Conditional Uses	Food trucks/carts are not typically permitted in Residential Zoning Districts unless property is designated Neighborhood Commercial. Neighborhood Commercial designation is subject to siting limitations, and special standards in BDC 3.6.300.J . Check with Planning staff.

Don't know the property location's zoning district? Check our [interactive map](#)

For one food truck/cart proposed on a property already developed with commercial uses, where no other food trucks/carts are present, an MDS application must be submitted for review and approval. Prior to applying for an MDS application, please get further direction from the Planner on Duty at the Permit Center, or email planning@bendoregon.gov. Planning will answer questions and provide next steps. See BDC code section for [Site Plan Review](#) which is required where multiple food trucks/carts are proposed on the same site. For multiple food trucks/carts, please apply for a [Pre-Application meeting](#), prior to submission of the Site Plan Review application. Provide a site plan and questions you have about the site and what processes or improvements would be required.

Other City of Bend Community and Economic Development (CEDD) Divisions with food truck/cart requirements:

Building and Safety Division. Where Site Plan Review is required, the Building Division will require Building code compliance, which often means additional life and safety and accessibility requirements. Call or email the building division (building@bendoregon.gov, 541-388-5580 Ext 2), or visit the Permit Center and ask for a Commercial Plans Examiner for more details.

Business Registration. If you are starting a new business, a [Business Registration](#) will be required. Renewals and changes in information must also be completed in a timely fashion for existing businesses. Contact businessregistration@bendoregon.gov for additional information, or visit the [Business Registration Program](#).

Fire & Rescue. Operators must comply with [Oregon Fire Code Section 319](#). Bend Fire Department is in the process of developing a permit and approval system for all food carts that operate in our jurisdiction based on these new code requirements. To schedule a food cart inspection or for more information please call our staff at 541-322-6300.

Private Development Engineering Division (PDE). Additional review from Private Development Engineering (PDE) in the form of a Transportation Facilities Report (TFR) or a [Sewer Water Analysis](#) (SWA) may be required. These are separate applications that require submission by a professional engineer. These reviews are generally required for Site Plan Review, and sometimes for Conditional Use Permit (CUP) applications. Call or email PDE to see if a TFR or SWA are required: engineering@bendoregon.gov or 541-388-5580 (Ext 4).

Signage. If your proposal includes a new sign or new sign face, a separate sign permit is likely required. Check with sign code planner Kim Voos at kvoos@bendoregon.gov, or at 541-388-5530, and refer to the [Sign Regulations, Processes and Permits](#) webpage.

System Development Charges. When Site Plan Review or Change of Use is required, [System Development Charges \(SDCs\)](#) are assessed at the time of building permit review and are based on the type and scope of new or expansion of development. Email Development Services (development@bendoregon.gov) with questions on what your business may be assessed, or visit [System Development Charges](#). Before leasing or purchasing property, or before locating your food truck/cart business on private property, a SDC Estimate Request is *highly* encouraged.