

# "Food Truck 101"

## Notable Terms

**Food Truck** includes a readily movable food truck and/or food trailer.

**Special Event** is a temporary event, gathering, or organized activity including but are not limited to, parades, bike races, marathons, walk-a-thons, firework displays, concerts, carnivals, other types of races/festivals and First Amendment Events. Special Event permit required.

**Authorized Agency** includes any agency in the State of Texas authorized to issue food establishment (health) permits. This includes the State of Texas.

**Food Booth/Stand** is a stand where prepared and packaged food is sold.

**Catering** is the distribution of food at an event where the food is paid by the owner/organizer of the event (i.e. no food is sold at event). Catering is regulated separately under food establishment permit regulations



"Food trucks give creative entrepreneurs the ability to cook with freedom and make what they love."

**Homaro Cantu**



## Contact Information

### Questions or application submission

817-598-4284 Ext 4

[www.planning@weatherfordtx.gov](http://www.planning@weatherfordtx.gov)

### Questions about special events

817-598-4124

## Regulations Reference:

- Title 8 Chapter 4 "Food Establishment Rules"
- Title 12 Section 12-5-101 "Food Trucks"

The regulations can be found at

[www.weatherfordtx.gov](http://www.weatherfordtx.gov)  
[www.texasfoodcottage.com](http://www.texasfoodcottage.com)

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## Food Truck, Trailer, or Food Booth/Stand Guide

### Operating a Food Truck at a:

- Special Event
- Commercial/Industrial Zoned Lot
- Established Food Truck Court

### Operating a Food Truck/Booth as a Non-Profit

- Operating a Shaved Ice Stand
- Operating under Food Cottage Laws

## Food Truck/Booth at Special Events

### Process:

1. Verify with Parks and Rec Department that special event permit has been approved. 817-598-4124.
2. \*Complete the Food Establishment part of the combined Itinerant Vendor and Food Establishment Permit Application. ([www.weatherfordtx.gov/consumerhealth](http://www.weatherfordtx.gov/consumerhealth))
3. Submit the application along with:
  - a. A copy of current food managers license. (See state website)
  - b. A copy of a recent health inspection from an authorized agency.
  - c. Fee indicated on the application.
  - d. Tax ID/EIN.
4. Keep permit with you during event.

Each special event requires a separate application and site plan.

\*Food Stands/Booths complete the stand alone Food Establishment Permit.

## Cottage Food Operations at Special Events

1. Cottage food operators are only authorized to sell at special events.
2. No food establishment permit required from the City of Weatherford.
3. All Texas cottage food laws are required to be adhered to ([www.texasfoodcottage.com](http://www.texasfoodcottage.com))



## Food Truck in a Commercial/Industrial District

### Process:

1. Complete the combined Itinerant Vendor and Food Establishment Permit Application. ([www.weatherfordtx.gov/consumerhealth](http://www.weatherfordtx.gov/consumerhealth))
2. Submit the application along with:
  - a. A copy of current food managers license. (See state website)
  - b. A copy of a recent health inspection from an authorized agency.
  - c. Fee indicated on the application.
  - d. Tax ID/EIN.
  - e. Site plan indicating on the location of food truck.(required to be parked on impervious surface and out of fire lane).
3. Keep permit with you while on site.

Permits can be issued for 72 hours/Monthly or Calendar Year

## Sno Cone Stand for Seasonal Use

Sno cone stands are permitted on an approved commercial lot for up to 180 days per calendar year.

### Process:

1. Complete the Food Establishment Permit Application ([www.weatherfordtx.gov/consumerhealth](http://www.weatherfordtx.gov/consumerhealth))
2. Submit the application along with:
  - a. A copy of current food managers license.
  - b. A copy of a recent health inspection from an authorized agency.
  - c. Fee indicated on the application.
  - d. Tax ID/EIN.
3. Keep permit with you while on site.

## Food Truck in an Established Food Court

### Process:

1. Complete the combined Itinerant Vendor and Food Establishment Permit Application. ([www.weatherfordtx.gov/consumerhealth](http://www.weatherfordtx.gov/consumerhealth))
2. Submit the application along with:
  - a. A copy of current food managers license. (See state website)
  - b. A copy of a recent health inspection from an authorized agency.
  - c. Fee indicated on the application.
  - d. Tax ID/EIN.
  - e. Site plan indicating on the location of food truck.(required to be parked on impervious surface and out of fire lane).
3. Keep permit with you while on site.

## Food Truck/Booth as a Non-Profit

Those with a registered non-profit status are exempt from the permitting requirements. Proof of non-profit status is required to be kept on-site when operating and shown upon request of an inspector (501c3 form).

Non profits are required to obey all other applicable local, regional, state and federal laws.



All applications and site plans must be submitted no later than noon the business day prior to setup.