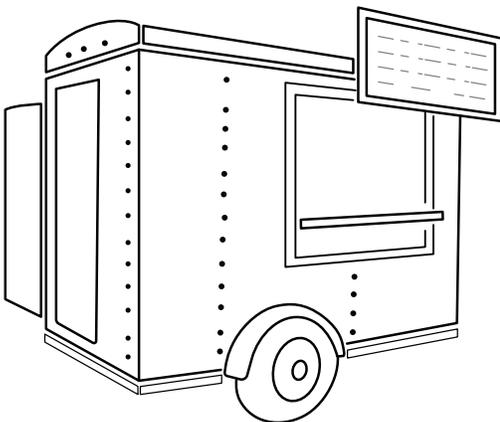


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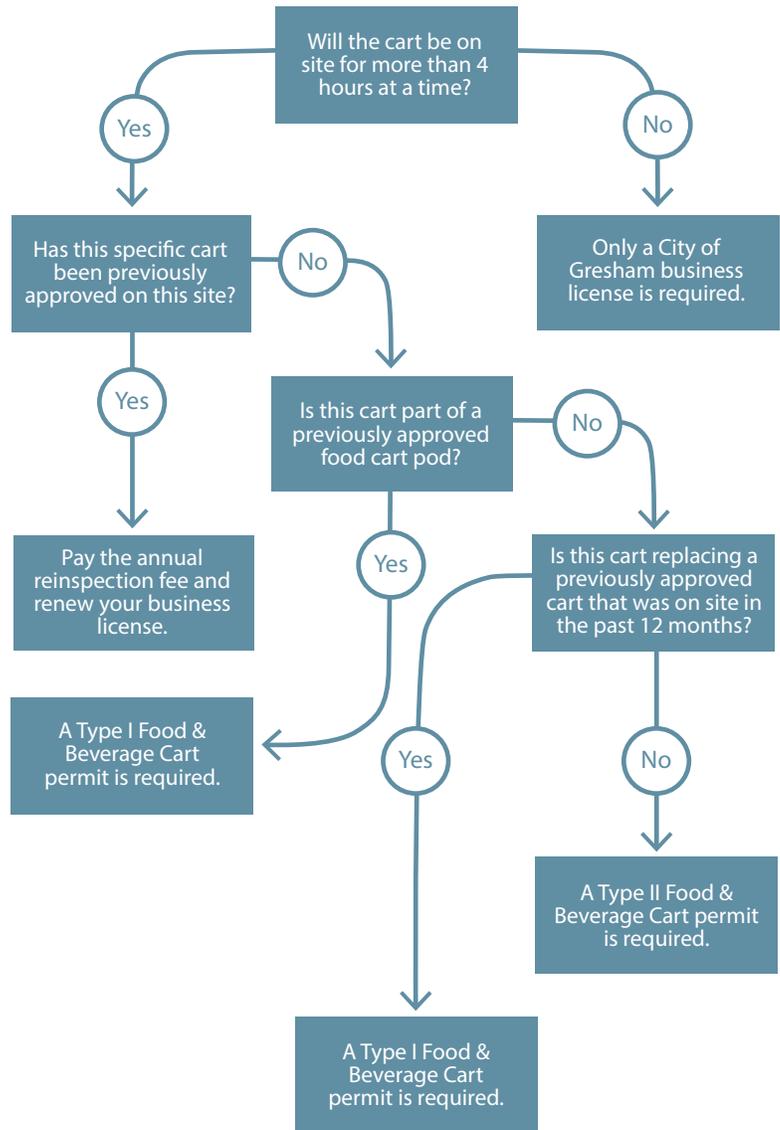
Food & beverage carts involve the sale of goods from a mobile unit where at least 50% of the sales is a combination of food and beverages. A mobile unit is a non-motorized vehicle that can be pushed or pulled down a street or highway. These carts are on site for 4 hours or longer.

**Code**

Standards for Food & Beverage Carts are found in **Section 10.1600** of the Gresham Community Development Code (GCDC).



**What type of review will I be doing?**





**Besides the Food & Beverage Cart from the City of Gresham's Planning Department, are there other permits or licenses I need to get before I begin operation of my food cart?**

Food and beverage carts require:

- City of Gresham business license
- Gresham Fire Department inspection and permit
- Multnomah County Mobile Vendor permit
- Multnomah County food handler permit



**What zones are food and beverage carts permitted in?**

Food carts are permitted in any place a commercial business is allowed. Contact the Planner on Duty (*POD@GreshamOregon.gov*) to find out if your property zoning allows carts.



**What happens if I want to remain open for under 4 hours and keep the mobile unit on site?**

Even if the cart is not open for business, if it remains on site 4 hours or longer, it is considered a permanent cart and will be subject to those requirements.



**Can customers come inside the food and beverage cart?**

No. Customers must remain outside the cart at all times.



**Are there certain requirements for drive-through food carts?**

Yes. There must be at least 85 feet of queuing distance behind each drive-through sales window.



**Can my mobile unit be self-propelled, like a truck or recreational vehicle?**

No. These units are limited to mobile units that can be pushed or pulled, such as a trailer or push cart.



**If my hitch extends beyond the 26-foot length maximum requirement, do I include the hitch as part of this measurement?**

No--we measure outside wall to outside wall. We do not include the hitch as part of the length unless it is enclosed as part of the structure.



**What is required to add additional structures, such as tents and canopies, to the site?**

Tents and canopies cannot remain on site for more than 180 days and will need fire permits. Umbrellas need to be fire rated and taken in at night. Building permits may be needed for other structures. Check with the Planner on Duty (*POD@GreshamOregon.gov*).



**Do I need restrooms on site?**

Yes. Restrooms with hand washing facilities for employees and customers are required on site. They must be within 1/4 mile or 5 minutes walking distance and available during the carts' hours of operation.



**Can I connect to water, sewer, and power?**

You can connect to temporary power and will need an electrical permit. No direct connection to water or sewer is permitted.



**Can I use parking lot or street drains to dispose of hand/dish washing water or other liquids?**

No, the Gresham Revised Code prohibits the discharge of anything but rain from being washed or poured into outdoor grated drains.



**Can I have propane?**

Yes--if the cart is designed to have propane. If so, it will need to be located 20 feet from any property line, building, structure, or tent/canopy.