

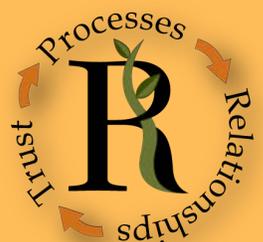
Mobile Food Vendors

A GUIDE TO LAWFUL OPERATION



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Introduction

The regulations of the City of Republic, Missouri that apply to land use and the conduct of commercial business were crafted with so-called "brick-and-mortar" businesses in mind. As a result, it can be difficult to apply these same regulations to businesses that are mobile and temporary in nature. This document is produced in order to bring those various regulations together in a concise fashion and to make their application to mobile uses more clear.

This guide is published by the City of Republic, Missouri for use by mobile food vendors in complying with the variety of regulations which are applicable to the activities of such a business. Mobile food vendors who wish to operate lawfully in the City of Republic (and avoid the burden and penalties associated with operating unlawfully) should consult this guide prior to operating at any particular location throughout the City.

Purpose and Intent

This document is, like all regulatory products of the City, primarily purposed to promote the health and safety of the public while also adequately preserving the liberty necessary to promote economic development and prosperity.

In addition to promoting the operation and success of entrepreneurial mobile food vendors, this document is meant to bring greater awareness and understanding of the regulations pertaining to this activity to protect against food borne illness, illicit wastewater discharge, trespass of private property, traffic safety, spread of disease, fire and electrical hazard. Additionally, this document serves the purpose to facilitate the efficient and timely collection of taxes from taxable sales.

What are the basic requirements?



Regardless of location or timeframe, every mobile food vendor must conform to the following requirements:

1. Current and valid license/permit to serve food from the county health department of jurisdiction (most of Republic is located in Greene County).
2. If locating on private property, express permission from the owner of the property. If locating on public property, the appropriate license or permit (if one is needed).
3. Location in an appropriately zoned area. (Republic Zoning Map available at www.republicmo.com)
4. Access to lavatory and hand washing facilities.
5. If required, the appropriate fire suppression facilities such as fire extinguishers and oven hoods.
6. Access to adequate off-street parking facilities for employees and patrons.
7. If applicable, permits for temporary or permanent electrical service connections.
8. All wastewater must be discharged in accordance with all applicable local, state and federal regulations.
9. A current and valid City of Republic business license.

Regulations Applicable to Mobile Food Vendors



City of Republic Municipal Code of Ordinances available online at www.republicmo.com

- All mobile food vendors are subject to applicable state and federal regulations.
- All mobile food vendors are subject to the regulations and requirements of the county health department of jurisdiction (Chapter 245 - Municipal Code of Ordinances)
- The regulations and requirements of the International Fire Code (IFC Section 319)
- The regulations and requirements of the International Plumbing Code (IPC Section ???)
- The City of Republic's Traffic Code regulating the stopping, standing or parking on public streets and other specified places (Chapters 350, 355 & 365 - Municipal Code of Ordinances)
- The City of Republic's Zoning Regulations (Chapter 405 - Municipal Code of Ordinances)
- The City of Republic's Sign Regulations (Chapter 415 - Municipal Code of Ordinances)
- The City of Republic's Business and Occupation Regulations (Title VI - Municipal Code of Ordinances)
- The City of Republic's regulations pertaining to wastewater discharge and Fats, Oils, Grease and Sand (Chapter 715 - Municipal Code of Ordinances)
- The City of Republic's regulations pertaining to water supply (Chapter 710 - Municipal Code of Ordinances)

Things to Consider:

- Is the location you're considering in the proper zoning district?
- Is your Greene or Christian County food service license current?
- Do you have a valid City of Republic business license? Can you obtain a "No Taxes Due" statement from the Missouri Department of Revenue?
- Are you planning to locate on private or public property? Can you demonstrate that you have permission from the property owner?
- Do you have access to bathroom facilities for employees and customers?
- If you are cooking food, do you have the appropriate fire suppression equipment (e.g. fire extinguishers, range hood, etc.)?
- Are you properly separating Fats, Oils, Grease and Sand from your wastewater before discharging it?
- Are you discharging your wastewater appropriately?
- Do you have a safe and accessible location for patrons and employees to park their vehicles? Do you have permission for vehicles to be parked at that location?
- If you are connecting to permanent or temporary power sources, have you had the connection inspected and pulled the appropriate permit(s)?
- Are you a part of a larger event with multiple vendors? If so, there may be additional requirements concerning required separation from other vendors.

Resources and Contact Information



Springfield-Greene County Health Department

<http://health.springfieldmo.gov/>

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City of Republic Community Development Department

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