

Mobile Food Vendor Requirements effective February 22, 2013

Council recently approved changes to the Solicitor's Ordinance that incorporated new requirements for mobile food vendors.

Solicitor/mobile food permits will not be issued if the applicant has a conviction or no contest to a misdemeanor involving fraud, theft embezzlement burglary, larceny fraudulent conversion or misappropriation of property or convicted or pled no contest to a felony.

Mobile food vendors are required to have a valid solicitor's permit and an Annual Food Establishment permit. The Mobile Food Vendor's permit will be issued and will be valid from January 1 to December 31. (Runs concurrently with the Food Establishment Permit)

All drivers and food workers on the vehicle are required to have a solicitor's permit.

Mobile food vendors may operate from 8:00 a.m. to dusk Monday through Friday and noon to dusk on Saturday and Sunday. Music or noise from the vehicle can only be used between 11:00 a.m. and dusk. Mobile food vendors operating at construction sites may begin food service at 6:00 a.m. at construction site location only.

The food unit must have a sign or decal with the business location and telephone number on the side of the vehicle; vehicles must have current safety inspection and valid insurance; signs stating Watch for Children must be posted on the front, back and sides of vehicle in 4 inch lettering; the serving window must be on the curb-side of the vehicle; vehicle must have left and right outside rear view mirrors plus wide angle mirror on the front and back of the vehicle to see around entire vehicle; a no-ride bumper is required on the vehicle; a trash receptacle is required on the vehicle.

MOBILE FOOD VENDOR SOLICITOR FEES- \$20.00 background check fee required; if approved- **\$50.00** application permit fee required; if approved- an additional **\$300.00** permit fee (annual January 1 to December 31) required. These fees are in addition to the Food Establishment Permit fee set by city council (currently **\$225**—valid from January 1 to December 31).

Example: Fees for the background check, permit application, annual solicitor permit and annual food permit =**\$595.00**

Copy of liability insurance required in the amount of \$250,000 per incident. City must be notified within 30 days of cancellation.

Mobile Food Vendor permits are not transferable.

Mobile Food Permits renewals paid after January 1, 2013 will be doubled in accordance with the ordinance.

Solicitor and Food Permits are issued through the City of Midlothian Police Department.

For additional information contact Debbie Lubke, Code Enforcement/Health at 972-775-7614.