



2026 City of Sumner Food Truck Program Guidelines

Food trucks that comply with the following regulations are exempt from SMC 18.36 Temporary Uses. Other local and state laws may apply. Peddlers and Solicitors are subject to the guidelines found within SMC 5.28 and Food truck pods are subject to development requirements within applicable zones.

“Food truck” means an operable motor vehicle or trailer vending unit used prepare and serve food or vend prepackaged food.

1. Program Guidelines

Food trucks operating within the regulations of this program shall be exempt from a temporary use permit but must obtain the following and submit verification (PDFs, photos, in-person scans, etc.):

- State of Washington business license;
- Certificate of Insurance showing the food truck is carrying the following minimum amounts of insurance: (1) public liability insurance in an amount of not less than \$1,000,000 for injuries, including those resulting in death, resulting from any one occurrence, and on account of any one accident; and (2) property damage insurance in an amount of not less than \$75,000 for damages on account of any one accident or occurrence;
- Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department approval;
- Approved inspection by the Pierce County Fire Prevention Bureau or any participating fire department in the WSAFM’s Statewide Food Truck Inspection Program; and
- Any required State Labor and Industry regulations.

2. Operating Conditions and Regulations

Food trucks shall not be parked more than 12 inches from curb nor any place where official signs prohibit parking. Distance requirements are measured in a straight line from the closest point of the proposed food truck location to the closest point from the buffered object.

Food trucks shall comply with all parking time limits and location limitations per SMC 10.36, including sight distance established in SMC 18.32, and shall not be located on the same parcel for more than 24 consecutive hours.

Food trucks operating on private property as authorized shall comply with SMC 18.42.030(D)(6) that requires surfaces to be constructed with a dustless, hard surface.

Signage: One sandwich board sign allowed, placed within the same block the truck is parked; sign shall not impede the sidewalk or ADA access.

The food truck operator is responsible for disposing of all trash and waste associated with the operation of the food truck. City trash receptacles may not be used to dispose of trash or waste, and waste disposal and spill prevention regulations must be followed. All areas within 5 feet of the food truck must be kept clean.

Be advised to Sumner Municipal Code 8.14 regarding Noise Control.

Prohibitions: Food trucks operating in the right-of-way shall not utilize tables, chairs, audio amplification, or other furnishings or equipment in conjunction with the food truck. All equipment shall be contained within or on the food truck.

3. Allowable Locations and Times

Food trucks shall be allowed to operate on any on-street parking rights-of-way, subject to the following prohibitions; and any private property with property owner approval. Vendor shall not park and operate the truck within 100 feet of another restaurant business or food truck pod without owner permission.

The south side of 45th Street East beginning from a point 600 feet east of Tacoma Avenue to the end of the road shall be parking only for food trucks and food truck customers between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, per SMC 10.36.087.

The following locations are **prohibited** unless authorized under a valid Special Event permit:

- City parks;
- Within 300 feet of public events in public parks or right-of-way that include food vendors or food sales, except when authorized in writing by the event organizer. Examples include Rhubarb Days, Daffodil Festival Parade, Santa Parade, etc.
- Restricted parking zones (RPZ) exceeding the maximum time allowed without a permit or any 15-minute parking areas.
- Any location that causes obstruction for the passage of any pedestrian or vehicle on any sidewalk, street, fire lane, or any parking area.
- On public property between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

4. Operator Signature and Contact Information

By signing this informational agreement, you acknowledge your understanding of the regulations and agree to abide by their requirements. Please note that this agreement is only valid for the calendar year of 2026. If you intend to operate within the following calendar year, an updated agreement will be available for signature in which updated information will need to be provided as applicable.

Applicant signature

Date

Print name

Contact (Phone number/email)

Applicant address

Optional information if it is known:

Operation address

Date(s) of Operation