



Municipality of Anchorage



Policy AG.10

Mobile Food Units

Mobile food units, including coffee carts, can be installed in the Municipality of Anchorage without full building permits with the following restrictions:

Mobile food units:

1. Cannot exceed 8'6" in width or 48' in length, including overhangs.
2. Must be currently licensed by the State of Alaska as motor vehicles or trailers, and have a chassis and wheels.
3. Require approval by the Department of Health and Human Services.
4. May not be connected to any utilities except electrical, with approved flexible cord, attachment cap and receptacle approved for the location.
5. Must meet requirements of National Electrical Code as noted by NEC 550.4 (A). A code compliance inspection will be performed and corrections made before power is connected. A licensed electrical contractor must pull the permit and do the work.
6. Service equipment located adjacent to vehicle lanes or the mobile food unit must be provided with bollards or other substantial protective barriers.
7. Must not reduce required parking of existing facilities.
8. Must be allowed in the zoning district.
9. Currently serviced fire extinguisher must be located inside the mobile unit.
10. Propane tanks are defined as part of the "service equipment" and must have protection approved by the Fire Department before permit is issued.
11. The mobile unit shall not impact fire lanes or emergency vehicle access to any nearby structures.
12. The mobile unit location shall be approved by fire plan review prior to issuing permit.

The following items are required at time of the permit application:

1. A completed retrofit application for electrical connection and/or service equipment.
2. A site plan showing where the cart will be installed, to be approved by Traffic Engineering.
3. Approval from the Department of Health and Human Services for compliance with requirements of AMC 16.60.
4. A current copy of the State of Alaska vehicle or trailer registration.

Structures not meeting these requirements must be submitted as a permanent building, obtaining a building permit as outlined in Handout AG.06.

Ron Thompson, Building Official

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