



FOOD SERVICE VEHICLES  
SCHEDULE 6 OF THE CITY OF HAMILTON LICENSING BY-LAW 07-170

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# What is a Food Service Vehicle?

Any vehicle from which refreshments are sold or offered for sale for consumption by the public.

This can include but is not limited to:

- Carts
- Wagons
- Trailers
- Trucks
- Bicycles

## Schedule 6 of the Licensing By-law 07-170

To operate a Food Service Vehicle in the City of Hamilton, a valid business licence is required under Schedule 6 of the City of Hamilton Licensing By-law 07-170.

This includes food services vehicles that visit from other municipalities to participate in events, even if just for the weekend.

# Classes of Food Service Vehicles

**Class A** means a motorized or non-motorized food service vehicle used as a non-travelling, site-specific food premises including but not limited to a catering truck, chip truck, or refreshment trailer or hot dog cart

**Class B** means a motorized or non-motorized food service vehicle that is used as a travelling food premises including but not limited to a catering truck, chip truck, ice cream truck, refreshment trailer or hot dog cart

**Class C** means a non-motorized food service vehicle that is used as a travelling food premises from which pre-packaged frozen products exclusively are offered for sale including but not limited to an ice-cream cycle, yogurt cart or juice carts

# Licensing Requirements

Application and renewal requirements vary based on class of Food Service Vehicle, however the following are some of the requirements to be submitted/completed upon initial application and annual renewal:

- Business Registration/Corporate Profile/Master Business Licence
- Vehicle Ownership
- Motor Vehicle Insurance
- Vehicle Safety
- Technical Standards and Safety Act (TSSA) Inspection Certification
- Liability Insurance
- Health Inspection
- Licensing Inspection
- Zoning Verification Certificate
- Written permission from the property owner

# Types of Licences and Permits

In addition to the annual business licence, there are other licensing options available to operators of Food Service Vehicles.

## **4 Day Event Licence**

Designed specifically for Food Service Vehicles who are attending City of Hamilton festivals or events from other municipalities. The licensing requirements are the same as for an annual licence, however, the licence fee is less.

**If out of town vehicles are attending more than one event within the City of Hamilton, it is encouraged they apply for an annual licence as it is a cost and resource savings.**

## **Park Permit**

Allows annually licensed Food Service Vehicles to operate within pre-determined City of Hamilton parks including Bayfront, Gage, Pier 4, Sam Lawrence, Turner and Valley Park.

# QUESTIONS



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