

Proposed changes to the City of El Paso food vending ordinances by Rep. Beto O'Rourke

1. Lower the required space between a mobile food vendor and a restaurant (currently 1,000 ft.).
2. Eliminate the fee for a temporary permit (they are already permitted and charged annually).
3. Eliminate the mobile vehicle inspection requirement for a temporary permit (they are already inspected annually).
4. Eliminate the requirement of having the Central Preparation Facility (CPF) inspected in the last 6 months in order to pull a temporary permit. Match it to the current yearly inspection requirement of restaurants.
5. Allow for additional downtown mobile food vendors—at a minimum during special events.
6. Match the maximum amount of contiguous time that a mobile food vendor can stay at one location to the capacity of its freezer. (ex: if a truck has a 5hr-freezer, then it can stay at one location for 5hrs straight.)

ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE SUGGESTIONS

1. Create a user-friendly page on the City's website outlining all the requirements for mobile food vendors.
2. Ask the Health Department and Building Services to electronically share the notarized CPF forms required of the vendor, instead of asking the vendor to get two notarized CPF forms.