



Hey DC Gov: Pass New Food Truck Regs Now!

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THANK YOU for downloading this toolkit.

Washington, DC is changing food truck regulations. But powerful special interest groups are trying to severely restrict where and how District diners can enjoy food trucks – or worse yet, close these small businesses all together!

On January 20, 2012, Washington, DC Mayor Vincent Gray proposed new rules to update the 30-year-old regulations governing food trucks.

Overall, the proposed rules are a significant improvement over the current regulations, and the Washington, DC Food Trucks Association supports passage of Mayor Gray's proposed new regulations.

But we need your help to pass new food truck regulations! The Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs is collecting public comment about the proposed new regulations **until February 18, 2012.**

Five Things You Can Do to Help Pass New Regs:

- 1) Voice your support at www.PassNewRegs.org today!
- 2) Send your personal letter about why you support the proposed new regulations to DCVendingRegs@dc.gov.
- 3) Print and display the "Pass New Regs" poster at school and/or work.
- 4) Print and distribute "Pass New Regs" handouts to your friends and co-workers.
- 5) Let everyone know over Twitter and Facebook why you support the proposed new regulations and let them know how they can support them too!

About the Washington, DC Food Trucks Association, Inc.

The DCFTA is a collaborative group of food truck owner-operators. We seek to elevate and sustain the wellbeing of food trucks, foster a sense of community and work in partnership with the District to revise food truck regulations.

Members of the DCFTA are engaged community members who deeply care about the District and believe in working together to make a positive impact on the city. Many members of the DCFTA are native Washingtonians, and many employ District residents. We seek out ways to be involved in community events, and some food truck owner-operators have a policy to donate a portion of their profits to area charities.

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On January 20, 2012, Washington, DC Mayor Vincent Gray proposed new rules to update the 30-year-old regulations governing food trucks.

Overall, the proposed rules issued by the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs are a significant improvement over the current regulations, which state that food trucks can only stop where people “hail” them (similar to an ice cream truck) and must close and leave if no one is waiting in line.

The proposed regulations would allow food trucks to remain open without being hailed and without a line. However, the proposed regulations also have rules that threaten these new and innovative small businesses:

- **Limiting Sweets Trucks to 10 Minutes:** The proposed regulations allow dessert trucks to be open for only 10 minutes if there are no waiting customers. Sweets food trucks should be allowed to be open as long as savory food trucks.
- **Zoning of Food Trucks:** The new regulations propose to create Vending Development Zones. The goals of these zones are worthy. However, Vending Development Zones must not be manipulated by special interest to create “Food Truck-Free Zones” that eliminate consumer choice or fair competition.
- **Shorter Hours for Food Trucks Than for Restaurants:** The proposed regulations require food trucks to close at 10 pm on weekdays and 1 am on weekends. Food trucks should be allowed to be open the same hours as restaurants.

The Washington, DC Food Trucks Association supports passage of Mayor Gray’s proposed new regulations with these issues addressed.

The Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs is collecting public comment about the proposed new regulations **until February 18, 2012**. Please tell the government of the District of Columbia to pass new food truck regulations now!

Keep Your Favorite Food Trucks Open!

Mayor Gray has proposed new food truck rules that are an overall improvement to the current 30-year-old regulations. However, powerful special interest groups are working hard to change the Mayor's proposal to restrict where and when you enjoy your favorite food trucks - or even shut us down all together!

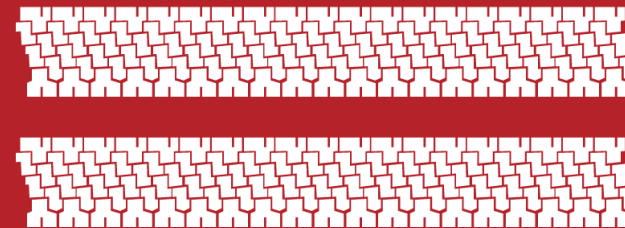
The DC Food Trucks Association supports the Mayor's proposed new food truck rules and needs you to tell him you support them too TODAY!

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