

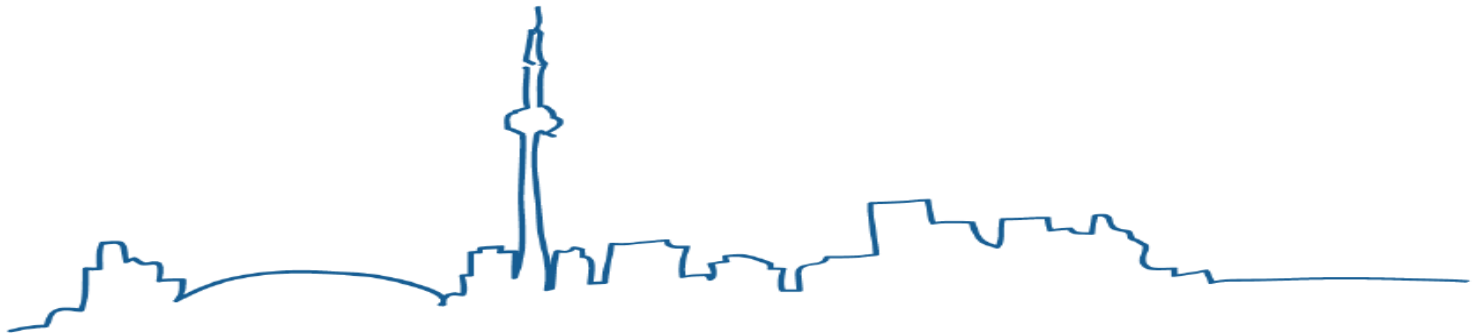
Chapter 740, Street Vending One Year Bylaw Review

**Licensing and Standards Committee
City Hall, 2nd Floor, Committee Room 1**

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1. Street Food Vending in Toronto
2. Stakeholder Feedback
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- **On April 1, 2014**, City Council approved Chapter 740, Street Vending and amended Chapter 545, Licensing to improve opportunities for vendors.
- **Highlights included:**
 - Established a harmonized bylaw for the entire city.
 - Mobile Food Vending Permit for food trucks to operate at pay and display parking spaces on major and minor arterial roads, for three hours at a time, 50 metres from an open and operating restaurant.
 - Ice Cream Vending Permit for ice cream trucks to operate for up to 30 minutes at one space on local roads.
 - Sidewalk Vending Permit holders may apply for up to 50% extra space to encourage an expanded menu.
 - Vendors may operate in commercial parking lots.

Street food vending of all types require a business licence:

- **229 Food Carts**
 - 119 operate in designated spaces in Toronto/East York and North York

- **77 Food Trucks**
 - 27 operate in designated spaces downtown
 - 17 operate under the Mobile Food Vending Permits to vend curbside
 - A permit is not required to vend on private property

- **118 Coffee/Catering Trucks**

- **131 Ice Cream Trucks**
 - 39 obtained Ice Cream Vending permits in 2014



Chaired by Municipal Licensing and Standards, and includes:

- Toronto Street Food Vendors' Association
- Toronto Food Truck Association
- Ontario Restaurant Hotel and Motel Association
- Toronto Association of Business Improvement Areas
- Toronto Public Health
- Transportation Services
- Economic Development and Culture
- Parks Forestry and Recreation

- Street Food Working Group reconvened in October 2014 and met monthly
- Toronto Food Truck Association meeting on November 17, 2014
- Mobile Vending Permit holders meeting on March 3, 2015
- Public Consultation meeting on March 5, 2015
- Toronto Association of Business Improvement Areas (TABIA) meeting on March 17, 2015
- During the past year, staff also spoke directly to vendors, both permit and non-permit holders, businesses and BIAs

What we heard over the last year:

•Concerns from businesses and the public:

- Ice cream trucks operating without a permit
- Waste and clutter around food truck cluster sites
- Promotional vendors operating from the roadway or sidewalk
- Fairness of 50 metre distance requirement from restaurants considering significant capital investments , property taxes paid by restaurants

•Concerns from Food Truck Operators :

- Three hour vending time is too short
- Limited opportunities on downtown streets
- Cost of Mobile Food Vending Permit is too high

•Concerns from Food Cart Operators :

- Potential for a larger footprint for slightly larger carts

Guiding Principles:

- Balance competing interests of vendors and restaurants
- Manage the competing uses of sidewalks for pedestrians and streets for parking
- Provide more opportunities for vendors
- Improve public's access to a diversity of street food

Permits and Fees

- Introduce additional six-month and nine-month seasonal permits for mobile vending
- Starting May 14, 2015, vendors can apply for the following permits:

Mobile Food Vending Permits

Annual:	\$5,195.38
Nine-Month:	\$3,896.54
Six-Month:	\$2,597.69

Ice Cream Vending Permits

Annual:	\$538.53
Nine-Month:	\$403.90
Six-Month:	\$269.26

- No changes are being proposed for Designated Sidewalk Vending Permits as the vendors operate in designated spaces on the sidewalk year-round

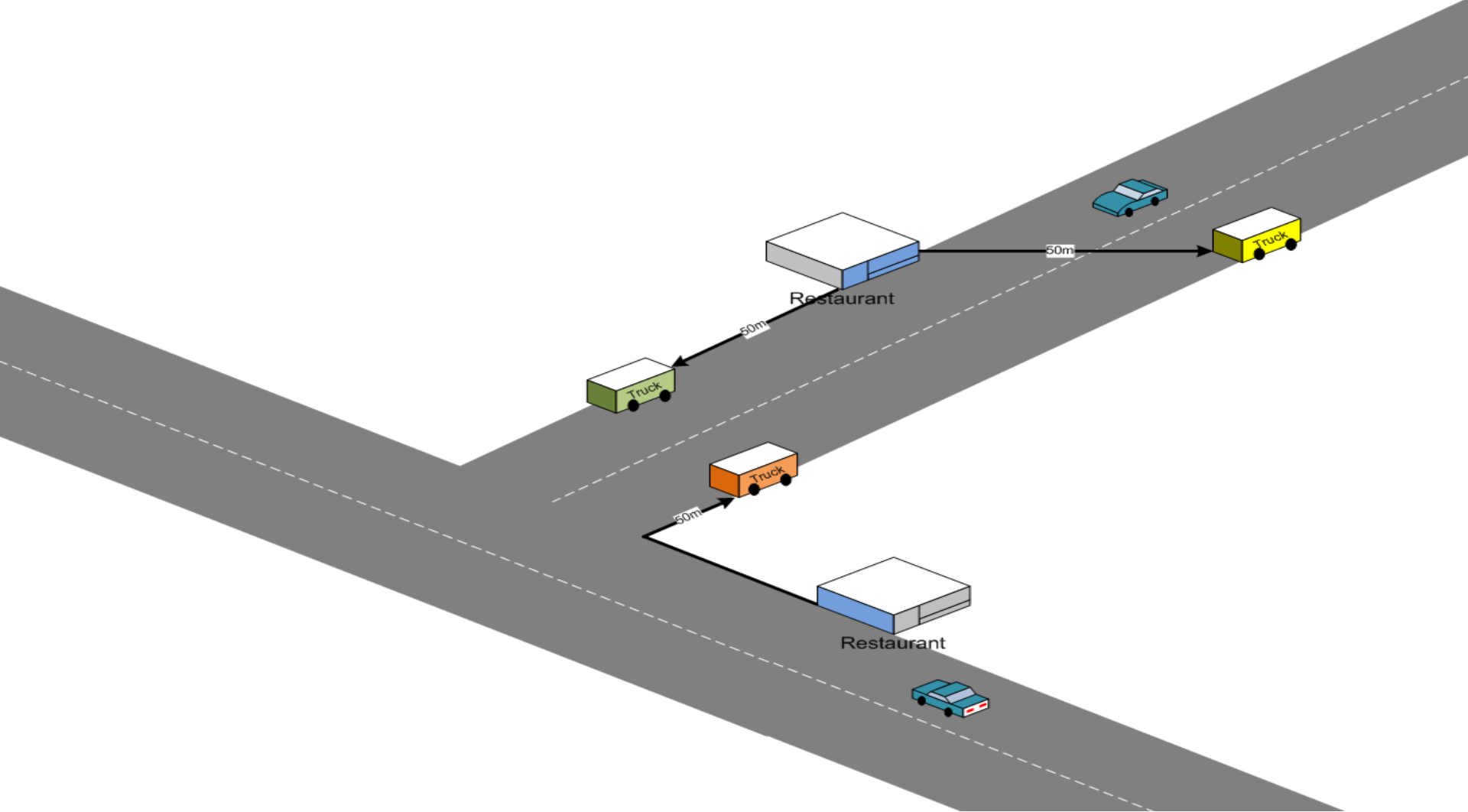
Mobile Food Vending Permits – Food Trucks

- Add all pay and display locations on **Collector Roads** to Mobile Vending Zones
 - This will provide for approximately 175 additional opportunities to the over 500 pay-and-display locations across the City
- Allow Permit holders to vend curbside for up to **five hours** on any one block (up from three hours) for set-up and clean-up
- Allow Permit holders to put out a garbage, recycling and/or organics container on the sidewalk or boulevard, but it must not obstruct pedestrian passage or vehicle traffic

Designated Sidewalk Vending Permits - Carts

- to address unique situations where this may arise, staff propose that if the cart has a larger footprint than 3.48 square metres and where the Executive Director has determined that the location can accommodate extra space and if doing so would not contravene any other provisions contained in Chapter 740, then a designated sidewalk permit can be issued to the operator

- Food trucks want this restriction lowered to provide more opportunities to vend and to promote competition
- Current permit holders have expressed the difficulty in finding a location downtown as they are competing for spaces with cars parked in pay and display locations
- Restaurants and BIAs want this restriction raised to protect their businesses and the capital investments made in Toronto
- 50 metre proximity is a balance between the two competing viewpoints
- The addition of operating on collector roads will provide more opportunities for vendors



 **City of Seattle** **15 metres** **THE CITY OF CALGARY** **25 metres****Hamilton** **30 metres** **Ottawa** **46 metres** **TORONTO** **50 metres** **portland** **60 metres** **CITY OF VANCOUVER** **60 metres** **BOSTON** **91 metres**



- Not permitted curb side
- Private Property only
- Mobile Food Trailer Parks – Semi Permanent
- Not permitted in Office Zones
- No roaming



- 22 Designated spaces
- Three shifts: 6 to 10a.m.; 10a.m. to 3p.m. ; 3 to 9 or 11p.m.
- Coordinated by City Staff
- No roaming



- No distance requirements from restaurants
- City maintains a list of Prohibited streets and portions of streets from vending
- Food Trucks must observe all parking restrictions

Hamilton











- Three-hour time limit on any block
- Food Trucks may not vend between 1 and 8 a.m.
- 100 metres from a park, school or special event
- Pilot project in parks



- City maintains a list of prohibited streets
- Food Trucks must observe all parking time restrictions
- Permitted on sidewalks, curbside, in parking lots and private property



- Food Trucks may only operate from 7a.m. to 11:00p.m.
- Must move after 60 minutes without a sale
- Mobile Food Trucks not permitted downtown

Opportunities	2013	2014	2015
Private Property / Special Events			
Commercial Parking Lots			
Curbside at Pay-and-Display Stations (Main Streets)			
Curbside without Pay-and-Display Stations			
Curbside at Pay-and-Display Stations (Collector Streets)			

2012

Expanded menu opportunities for food carts

2013

Eliminated Refreshment Vehicle Assistant Licences – producing over \$72,000 savings for the industry

2014

A city-wide bylaw that expands vending opportunities across the City:

- Commercial Parking Lots
- Pay and Display Stations on main roads

2015

Further expansion of vending opportunities:

- Increased vending time from 3 hours to 5 hours
- Pay and Display Stations on collector roads
- Seasonal Permits