

MOBILE FOOD VAN / STREET FOOD POLICY



KATHERINE
TOWN COUNCIL

TITLE: MOBILE FOOD VAN / STREET FOOD POLICY

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1. PURPOSE

The Katherine Town Council's Mobile Van / Street Food Policy seeks to support an active and vibrant street food culture within the municipality by encouraging new and creative casual food vending activities.

2. POLICY OBJECTIVES

This Policy allows casual Mobile Van / Street Food mobile business operations within Katherine. This Policy aims to ensure a high-quality experience for customers and the community while maintaining a high standard of participation by Mobile Van / Street Food operators. The following values underpin the Katherine Town Council's Mobile Van / Street Food Policy;

- Diversity – a unique culinary experience in an innovative way that increases the diversity of Mobile Van / Street Food options;
- Innovation – a unique cultural experience through creative presentation of vehicles and menus;
- Quality – incorporates and promotes fresh and healthy ingredients into a quality food experience;
- Sustainability – incorporates and promotes ethical, environmental and sustainable practices; and
- Value – adds economic and cultural value to the town by activating open spaces and places.

The key policy objectives are;

- a. To activate and invigorate public places, encourage social interaction and enhance the community sense of safety and wellbeing;
- b. To provide for novel and creative entrepreneurial activities or start-up businesses stimulating the local economy;
- c. To allow Mobile Van / Street Food in areas that are suited to the purpose including appropriate areas of the central business district;
- d. To enable operators to run mobile food enterprises in a balanced way that does not adversely affect established brick and mortar operators,
- e. To provide a unique outdoor dining experience;
- f. To ensure Mobile Van / Street Food businesses operate within the intent of the values of this policy; and
- g. To ensure equity of access to public spaces.

3. DEFINITIONS

In this policy:

- a. **Stallholder** means roadside vendor, mobile food vendor, street food vendor, casual food vendor.
- b. **Permit** means issued under these by laws and includes the renewal of a permit.
- c. **Food business** means a business, enterprise or activity as defined by the *NT Food Act*

4. BACKGROUND

Katherine's climate, open spaces and outdoor culture is an ideal setting for the development of Mobile Van / Street Food experiences and activities.

Katherine acknowledges street food enterprises are growing in popularity. Katherine Town Council welcomes applications for the use of public places under Council's care and control for this purpose.

5. POLICY STATEMENT

Mobile Van / Street Food within the municipality of Katherine requires a permit from the Katherine Town Council. Council will issue permits for Mobile Van / Street Food operations, subject to the assessment criteria attached to this Policy.

6. LOCATIONS

Locations where Mobile Van / Street Food operations will be permitted are listed below.

- a. Lindsay Street Complex Carpark;
- b. Showgrounds Carpark (off Victoria Highway);
- c. Information Bay (North Bound), Stuart Highway;
- d. Information Bay (South Bound), Stuart Highway; and
- e. Information Bay (West Bound), Victoria Highway.

Council may change and/or amend these locations from time to time, without notice.

Area of permitted operations for each site will be clearly identified. The business must be contained within these limitations.

All locations will be accessible to more than one operator, subject to the hours of operation.

Information Bays are managed by Katherine Town Council on behalf of the Department of Infrastructure, Planning & Logistics.

7. CATEGORY AND DURATION OF OPERATION

Permit fees are determined under the following categories:

- a. Category of Operation
 - i. Not-for-profit and charitable organisations;
 - ii. One-off activities;
 - iii. Commercial operations.

- b. Duration of Operation

- i. Single Event Permit – issued for a single occasion;
- ii. Short-term or Seasonal Permit – issued for two or more repeat operations in a given period of time;
- iii. Annual Permit – issued for repeat operations over the course of twelve months which may be renewed subject to allocation provisions detailed in this Policy.

Permits will generally be restricted to outside normal business hours, weekends and public holidays. Permits in residential areas will be restricted to hours of operation that preserve neighbourhood amenity and do not cause a general disturbance.

8. FEES

Fees are required to be paid in advance, commensurate with the permit period.

9. EVALUATION AND REVIEW

The Mobile Van / Street Food Policy will be reviewed annually.

10. VARIATIONS

Katherine Town Council reserves the right to vary, replace or terminate this Policy from time to time.

11. LEGISLATION BASE

- a. Local Government Act 2008
- b. NT Food Act

12. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

- a. *Katherine Town Council By Laws*
- b. *Katherine Town Council Sustainable Events Policy*
- c. *Mobile Van / Street Food Assessment Criteria*
- d. *Katherine Town Council Fees and Charges*

POLICY VERSION AND REVISION INFORMATION

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