



**KATHERINE**  
TOWN COUNCIL

**TITLE: MOBILE FOOD VENDOR POLICY**

**ADOPTED BY: COUNCIL**

**RESPONSIBILITY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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## 1. PURPOSE

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

## 2. POLICY OBJECTIVES

This Policy allows Mobile Food Vendor 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 Food Vendor operators. The following values underpin the Katherine Town Council's Mobile Food Vendor Policy;

- Diversity – a unique culinary experience in an innovative way that increases the diversity of Mobile Food Vendor 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 Food Vendors 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 Food Vendor 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. **Operator/s** 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 Food Vendor 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 Food Vendors within the municipality of Katherine require a permit from the Katherine Town Council. Council will issue permits for Mobile Food Vendor operations, subject to the assessment criteria attached to this Policy.

#### **6. LOCATIONS**

Locations where Mobile Food Vendor 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;
- e. Information Bay (West Bound), Victoria Highway;
- f. Railway Terrace Carpark
- g. Ryan Park Carpark
- h. Lockheed Park
- i. Adventure Play Park

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. DURATION OF OPERATION**

Permit fees are determined under the following:

- a. Duration of Operation
  - i. Monthly Permit – Any consecutive four (4) week period
  - ii. Quarterly Permit – Any consecutive 3-month period
  - iii. Biannual permit – Any consecutive 6-month period
  - iv. Annual Permit – Any consecutive 12-month period

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 Food Vendor 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 Food Vendor Assessment Criteria*
- d. *Katherine Town Council Fees and Charges*

## **POLICY VERSION AND REVISION INFORMATION**

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