



**ADMINISTRATIVE DETERMINATION 2009-04
Portable Food / Beverage Carts**

BLMC 14.100 allows for the placement of temporary uses and construction activities which nominally do not conform with the development code, but which meet certain criteria. BLMC 14.100.020(C) requires that a temporary use be placed for no more than one year with the possibility of a one year extension.

Occasionally the City has inquiries for placement of a portable food / beverage trailer that is not intended to be a permanent use or structure. The Tacoma Pierce County Health District permits these types of uses if they have a self-contained water source and waste water containers that can be dumped at permitted locations, as well as a restroom in another structure within 200 feet of the trailer.

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Administrative determination

Portable food / beverage carts or trailers can be issued temporary use permits if:

- The application and permit indicate a site outside the city where wastewater will be deposited.
- The cart or trailer exits the site each evening to deposit the wastewater outside the city.

John P. Vodopich, A.I.C.P., Director

Date

John Woodock, City Engineer

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