10.857 Temporary Use of Movable Structures and Vehicles

The following temporary uses of movable structures or vehicles are allowed:

(1) Those regularly used or occupied on February 2, 1961, or in lawful regular use and occupancy on property at the time of its annexation into the city; or

(2) Those lawfully in use on licensed Christmas tree lots, if they are entirely self-contained or there are lawful sanitary facilities on the lot available to the occupants. The period of such use shall not exceed forty-five (45) consecutive days and shall be limited to one for each licensed lot; or

(3) Those occupied by the members of an established organization, for temporary use, in a convention or other like activity where the organization has received a permit from the city on application submitted not less than two weeks prior to the use. No permit shall be granted for a period exceeding four (4) days, or be renewed beyond four days, without the further approval of the city. Named members of the organization, specified on the permit application, shall be responsible for policing the area used and for correcting any violation of state or city health or safety regulations. The permit shall also specify the maximum number of movable structures or vehicles and the arrangement thereof. Violation of any condition of the permit shall constitute grounds for revocation; or

(4) Those utilized temporarily as part of a city sponsored recreation program, such as swim meets and softball tournaments, where the organization has received a permit from the Medford Parks and Recreation Department. The Parks and Recreation Department shall issue such permit, if it finds that the site is large enough that sanitary facilities will be adequate, and that no damage to park facilities shall occur; and that such use is essential to the success of the event or tournament. No permit shall be granted for a period exceeding three (3) days nor shall such permits be renewed beyond three days, without the approval of the Parks and Recreation Department. Members of the organization specified on the permit application shall be responsible for policing the area used in conjunction with the activity and for correcting any violation of state or city health or safety regulations. The permit shall also specify the maximum number of movable structures or vehicles and the arrangement thereof. Violation of any condition of the permit shall constitute grounds for revocation; or

(5) Those for temporary use by governmental agencies. As used herein, the term temporary use shall mean for a period not to exceed three calendar months. Nothing contained in this section is intended to authorize the placement or use of movable structures or vehicles without all necessary permits first being obtained; or

(6) Contractors' Offices and Construction Equipment Sheds for temporary use at a construction site as per Section 10.849; or
(7) Temporary Shelters as per section 10.851; or

(8) Temporary business quarters during construction of permanent offices; or

(9) Temporary Food Vendors.

A. “Temporary food vendor” means any kiosk, shed, shelter, trailer, vehicle, wagon, or other similar device which is used for the purpose of preparing, processing, or converting food for immediate consumption as a drive-in, drive-through, curb, or walk-up service that remains in or on any one site or tax lot for less than a continuous 24 hours.

B. Temporary food vendors shall be permitted in the C-S/P, C-N, C-C, C-H, C-R, I-L, and I-G zoning districts subject to the following standards:

(1) The applicant shall submit a site plan drawn to scale to the Planning Department with the temporary food vendor unit (“temporary unit”) dimensions to confirm compliance with this section.

(2) The exterior length and width dimensions of the temporary unit, when multiplied, shall enclose no more than 128 square feet.

(3) The temporary unit shall be located on an improved surface (i.e., asphalt or concrete).

(4) The temporary unit shall be located no closer than 100 feet from another such unit.

(5) If the temporary unit is located on or adjacent to a privately owned walkway, the minimum remaining unobstructed walkway width shall be six (6) feet.

(6) A trash receptacle shall be located within ten (10) feet of the temporary unit.

(7) All food must be in a ready-to-eat condition when sold.