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City of South Fulton Government

City Expands Patrol Hours to Combat Unpermitted Food Trucks

(City of South Fulton, GA – July 30, 2021) – The City of South Fulton has a clear message for illegal food truck vendors – get a license and follow the law or you’ll be cited.

As code officers step up enforcement during the day, many unpermitted vending truck operators are shifting to evening and weekend hours, according to Code Enforcement Administrator Brian Morris.

“They knew we were actively patrolling during normal business hours,” Morris said. “So, they started coming out later and on Sundays.”

In response, officers not only have extended their weekday hours, but have lengthened Saturday patrols and added a new Sunday shift. They’ve also started regular sweeps of areas frequented by unpermitted vendors.

“If you’re selling without a permit, we’ll find you sooner or later,” Morris said.

In most cases, what vendors are selling is not an issue. It’s simply the lack of proper permits and not following the city’s food truck ordinance that lands them in trouble.

Food trucks must secure a food service permit from the Fulton County Department of Public health as well as a city food truck permit and business license. Applications for both can be submitted through the city’s permitting website at sagesgov.com/southfulton-ga.

Food vendors cannot operate within 200 feet of a restaurant or 100 feet of a store selling food.

They also must ensure a proposed location has the proper zoning, secure written permission from the property owner and provide at least six parking spaces for patrons. Vehicles must fit within the maximum dimensions of 18.5 feet long, 10.5 feet tall and 8 feet wide.

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Vending is only permitted from 7 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. and vendors cannot operate more than four days each week.

“Food trucks provide a valuable service and add to the city’s vibrance,” Morris said. “We welcome them and are willing to assist in any way we can, as long as they play by the rules.”

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About the City of South Fulton

Home to more than 100,000 residents, the City of South Fulton is Georgia’s fifth-largest city. It covers more than 85 square miles and features both urban and rural landscapes with the most undeveloped land on metro Atlanta’s southern side. Incorporated on May 1, 2017, South Fulton is among Georgia’s youngest and fast-growing cities – on the rise and recognized as the place you want to be. Learn more, download our smartphone app and connect with us on social media at cityofsouthfultonga.gov.