

For Immediate Release

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Stratford, Connecticut (July 13, 2010) – Mayor Harkins is pleased to announce that the new ordinance allowing ice cream trucks back in Stratford passed on June 14th, 2010 is in effect as of July 14th, 2010.

The Stratford Health Department and Police Department have developed an application process to assist those vendors wishing to obtain a license to vend from an ice cream truck. “We welcome ice cream trucks to Stratford and look forward to working with the vendors but public safety and wellbeing are the priorities, safety on the road and safety of the food being served”, said Police Chief John Buturla, adding that “the permitting process is designed to assure both.”

Anyone wishing to become a licensed ice cream truck vendor must complete the following:

- 1) Pick up an application at the Stratford Police Department Records window or on-line, if available. Complete the application and insure that it is notarized.
- 2) Bring the vehicle (s) you are going to vend from to the Department of Motor Vehicles for inspection and approval. A copy of the approved and signed inspection form must be attached to the application from the police department.
- 3) Provide a copy of all required insurance as stated by the ordinance and attach to the Police Department application. Certificates must specifically contain a clause signed by the insurance company certifying that the Police Chief shall be notified, in writing, of any modification, cancellation or termination of the subject policy. If not attached permit will not be approved.
- 4) Return application to the Stratford Police Department records window filled out as stated. Attach all required paperwork as listed above. You must provide valid picture identification to the records’ staff when handing in your application they will make a copy and attach to your application. Valid driver’s license; only state identification will be accepted.
- 5) A background check, as allowed by law, will be conducted and the results sent to the police chief for his review in accordance with the ordinance.
- 6) Once all above has been completed call the Health Department 203-385-4090 and make appointment to bring vehicle and all required paperwork in for inspection and to complete a Health Department application. Once the Health Department inspects the truck, reviews and approves the menu and food handling safety plan a license will be issued. The cost for the license is \$200.00 payable to the Stratford Health Department and is to be renewed each year.
- 7) Upon approval by the Health Department and completion of all checks, the license can be issued by the Chief of Police.

Please be advised that all requirements listed above must be met in order to process your application. No exceptions will be made. See complete application for all requirements.

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