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Would you like to become a food truck entrepreneur? Here's what to do:

1. Find out about the official obligations and registers required by the law concerning your operations and ensure that they are up to date.
 - All obligations concerning foodstuffs, tax obligations, employer obligations, social security matters, pension matters, the trade register, prepayment register, employer register and VAT register.
 - The Public Works Department only grants the right to use the land.
 - The rule of thumb is that squares with traditional market place operations are managed by the Helsinki Wholesale Market, sports facilities and beaches are managed by the Sports Department, public sites are managed by the Real Estate Department and, additionally, private parties may own some public areas.
2. The Public Works Department requires the entrepreneur to acquire sufficient liability insurances.
 - ensure sufficient liability insurance coverage for your operations and make sure the insurance payments have been paid.
3. If you employ others, find out about the essential working terms and the applied collective bargaining agreement.
4. When planning the operations and product selection, remember to take into account the fact that there is no electricity, sewer or water connection.
5. Take into consideration that the agreement grants you the right to only a limited area. If the food truck area has other operations facilitated by the city, the food truck cannot stay in the area.
6. Please ensure that the food truck is appropriate and meets the requirements set in the contract. The food truck has to be a registered vehicle or towing device on wheels. Trading from a tent in a market place, primarily, follows the same principles as the trade of market place products. For further information, please contact the Helsinki Wholesale Market.
7. Ensure that you have read the contract terms carefully. The Public Works Department inspects the filed notifications collectively and monitors that the contract terms are followed. The sanction sections in the contract also apply to the filed reports.
 - When making the contract, the entrepreneur has to provide a statement of paid taxes (or a payment plan concerning them) and a trade register extract, which cannot be older than three months.
8. The Public Works Department goes through the contract with the entrepreneur, before it is completed in the premises of the Public Works Department. The meetings are organized when requested. Meeting requests are sent to hkr.ulkoilma@hel.fi.
9. When you visit the customer service of the Public Works Department in order to sign the contract, please take your identification card and an appropriate clarification of your right to represent the food truck entrepreneur with you.
 - If you represent the company, be prepared to prove your right to act in its name. This right is usually defined in the trade register extract, articles of association, record extract, letter of attorney or a similar document.
 - The contracts are only valid, at most, until the 31st of January 2018. The contract can be made for one or several months at a time.
 - The yearly fee €1860 (includes 24% VAT) until 31st of January 2018 or the monthly fee defined in the contract, €248 (includes 24% VAT) is paid to the customer service when completing the contract. We accept most debit cards and cash. Invoicing is not possible.
 - Please ensure that you are able to give the information asked on the first page of the contract.
10. Two identical copies will be made of the contract, one for each contract party.

