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Free Food Truck Business Plan Template PDF

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Growthink's <u>food truck business plan template</u> is a comprehensive guide to help entrepreneurs and business owners create a professional and effective plan for their food truck businesses.

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The real version of Growthink's Ultimate Food Truck Business Plan Template is much more than a fill-in-the-blanks template. That template professionally guides you step-by-step so you can quickly, easily, and expertly complete your business plan.

Perhaps most importantly, it includes complete financial projections. You simply enter some numbers (for example the # of products/services you expect to sell and the price), and Growthink's Ultimate Food Truck Business Plan Template automatically builds your 5-year Income Statement, Balance Sheet, and Cash Flow Statement. This service alone would cost thousands of dollars if you hired an accountant to complete it for you.



(if applicable)

[Company Name] FOOD TRUCK BUSINESS PLAN [Current Month], [Year]

[Name] [Title] [Company Name] [Address 1] [Address 2] [City, State Zip] Tel: [] Fax: [] Email: [] Website: []

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I. Executive Summary

The <u>Executive Summary</u> should include a summary of the other sections of your business plan, highlighting the key points and your <u>business goals</u>. This section should be concise yet compelling, as it will likely be the first part of your <u>business plan</u> that potential investors or partners read.

Key Questions to Answer:

- What does your business do?
- What market need does your business solve?
- What are 4-7 reasons why your business will be successful?
- How much capital, if any, are you seeking for your business?

Sample from Growthink's Ultimate Food Truck Business Plan Template:

[Company Name], located at [insert location here] is a new food truck focusing on Mexican street food.

Products and Services

[Company Name] will offer a menu of traditional Mexican food, including:

- Tacos
- Tortas
- Quesadillas
- Tostadas
- Burritos
- Churros

We will sell a limited menu of food that features intense and varied flavors and variety of spices.

II. Company Overview

The <u>Company Overview</u> section should provide a brief history and description of your company, as well as any current or future partnerships or alliances. This section should also include a <u>mission statement</u> and an overview of your unique selling proposition (USP).

Company Profile

- Where are you located?
- When were you formed?
- What is your legal entity form?

Company Vision/Mission Statement

• What goals is your company trying to achieve?

Past Accomplishments

• What successes has your company already achieved?

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[Company Name], located at [insert location here] is a new food truck serving a limited menu of traditional Mexican street food.

[Company Name] was founded by [Founder's Name]. While [Founder's Name] has been in restaurant management for some time, it was in [month, date] that he decided to launch [Company Name]. Specifically, during this time, [Founder] took a trip to Fort Lauderdale, FL. During his trip, [Founder's Name] frequented a food truck that enjoyed tremendous success. After several discussions with the owner of the food truck, [Founder's Name] clearly understood that a similar business would enjoy significant success in his hometown.

Specifically, the customer demographics and competitive situations in the Fort Lauderdale location and in his hometown were so similar that he knew it would work. Furthermore, after surveying the local population, this theory was proven.

III. Industry Analysis

For the <u>Industry Analysis</u> section, you will need to <u>conduct market research</u> and present an overview of the market in which your business operates. This includes identifying your target market, analyzing current trends and potential challenges, and examining competitors.

Market/Industry Overview

• In what market(s) do you compete?

Market/Industry Trends

• What are the key market trend(s) and how does that affect you?

Relevant Market Size

• How large is your relevant market (the # of customers who can realistically buy from you)?

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According to the recent report entitled, "Food Trucks in the U.S." by National Food Truck Association, the bookstore industry's annual revenue is approximately \$1.3 billion, with an estimated gross profit of 4.0%.

Furthermore, the report found that the median annual sales of food trucks surveyed were \$290,000, and the average sale per customer was \$9.93.

According to a separate study by Mobile Cuisine:

- Health is strengthening as a food purchase mega factor, ranking third after taste and price, and above convenience.
- Frequent food truck customers tend to be less health-conscious than the rest of the population, but they are still health-conscious. More than a third of customers say that the calorie content of foods is especially important to them.
- Young customers are most concerned about the environmental friendliness of food truck offerings. They are increasingly interested in sustainably sourced products, and organic foods.

• Vegan options are becoming more important to food truck customers, as are meat-plant blends.

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IV. Customer Analysis

The <u>Customer Analysis</u> section will include a detailed description of your target customers, including demographic information, needs, buying behavior, and purchasing preferences. This section should also highlight the potential growth and retention strategies for acquiring and retaining customers.

Customer Needs

• What are the key needs of your target customers?

Target Customer Profile

• Who are your target customers? Give a detailed demographic profile.

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[Company Name] will serve the residents of [company location] and the immediately surrounding areas as well as those who work in [company location].

The area we serve is solidly middle class, and has a growing affinity for the novelty and convenience of food trucks, especially those serving familiar cuisine like we will offer.

The precise demographics of the town in which our location resides is as follows:

V. Competitive Analysis

The <u>Competitive Analysis</u> section will provide a detailed overview of your competitors, including their <u>strengths and weaknesses</u>. This section should also highlight how your company differentiates itself from the competition.

Direct Competitors

• Who are your direct competitors? What are their strengths and weaknesses?

Indirect Competitors

• Who are your indirect competitors? What are their strengths and weaknesses?

Competitive Advantage

• What are your competitive advantages? Are these sustainable (can competitors emulate them)?

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The following Mexican restaurants are located within [location], thus providing direct competition for customers:

Tacos Guadalajara

Hours:

Sun - Thurs: 8 am - 12 midnight

Fri – Sat: 8 am – 1 am

Tacos Guadalajara is a Mexican food restaurant offering delivery via a variety of delivery services such as DoorDash and GrubHub. Popular menu items are reported as Burritos, Tostadas, and Tacos. The restaurant is known for its desserts.

While Tacos Guadalajara will likely continue to attract loyal customers, [Company Name] will provide a fast and convenient alternative.

VI. Marketing Plan

In the <u>Marketing Plan</u> section, you will outline your strategies for promoting and selling your products or services. This includes identifying target markets, pricing strategies, distribution channels, and promotional tactics.

Branding

• What is your desired brand positioning?

Promotions Plan

• How do you plan to promote your company's products and/or services?

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The [Company Name] Brand

The [Company Name] brand will focus on the Company's unique value proposition:

- Offering a menu of fresh and authentic Mexican street food.
- Offering a convenient location.
- Employing friendly, skilled staff and providing excellent customer service

Promotions Strategy

[Company Name] expects its target market to be individuals working and/or living within [location].

The Company's promotions strategy to reach these individuals includes:

Direct Mail: [Company Name] will blanket the city with direct mail pieces. These pieces will provide general information on [Company Name], offer discounts and/or provide other inducements for people to frequent the store.

Public Relations: We will contact all local and area newspapers and television stations to tell them about the opening and unique value proposition of [Company Name].

Advertising: [Company Name] will initially advertise in local newspapers and on social media in order to gain awareness.

VII. Operations Plan

The <u>Operations Plan</u> should include details about your day-to-day operations, including location and facilities, equipment and technology needed, and staffing requirements. This section should also outline your production processes and any necessary inventory management systems.

Key Operational Processes

• What are the key operational processes that your organization needs to accomplish on a daily basis to achieve success?

Business Milestones

• What milestones will you need to accomplish over the next 1-3 years in order to achieve success?

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In order to execute on [Company Name]'s business model, the Company needs to perform many functions including the following:

Administrative Functions

- General & administrative functions including legal, marketing, bookkeeping, etc.
- Sourcing and storing supplies.
- Hiring and training staff

Kitchen Functions

- Food preparation
- Ongoing menu creation and modification

VIII. Management Team

The <u>Management Team</u> section of the business plan must prove why the key company personnel are "eminently qualified" to execute the <u>business model</u>.

Management Team Members

• Who are the key members of your management team?

Management Team Gaps

• Who do you still need to hire?

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[Company Name] is led by [Founder's Name] who has been in restaurant management for 20 years.

While [Founder] has never run a food truck on his own, he worked in a variety of restaurants in management positions for 20 years before moving into regional management for a chain of Mexican restaurants over the past 10 years. As such [Founder] has an in-depth knowledge of the food service business including the operations side (e.g., front- and back-of-house activities) and the business management side (e.g., staffing, marketing, etc.).

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IX. Financial Plan

The Financial Plan will include financial projections for your business, including income statements, balance sheets, and cash flow statements. This section should also highlight any <u>assumptions</u> made in creating the <u>financial projections</u>.

Revenue Model

• In what ways do you generate revenues?

Financial Highlights

• What are your topline 5-year financial projections?

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Funding Requirements/Use of Funds

• How much money do you need to start and/or run your business? What are the primary uses of these funds?

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[Company Name]'s revenues will come primarily from the sale of food to its customers.

The major costs for the company will be the cost of ingredients and salaries of the staff. In the initial years, the company's marketing spend will be higher, as it establishes itself in the market.

Capital Requirements and Use of Funds

[Company Name] is currently seeking \$114,300 to launch. Specifically, these funds will be used as follows:

- Cost of Food Truck Build Out: \$68,500
- Working capital: \$45,800 to pay for marketing, salaries, and startup costs until [Company Name] reaches break-even.

Key Assumptions & Forecasts

	FY 1	FY 2	FY 3	FY 4	FY 5
Revenues					
Hotel	\$1,980,125	\$2,832,031	\$3,409,160	\$3,783,447	\$4,100,713
Total Revenues	\$1,980,125	\$2,832,031	\$3,409,160	\$3,783,447	\$4,100,713
Expenses & Costs					
Cost of goods sold	\$455,429	\$623,047	\$681,832	\$718,855	\$738,128
Lease	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Marketing	\$149,006	\$141,602	\$170,458	\$189,172	\$205,036
Salaries	\$721,095	\$797,115	\$1,014,687	\$1,119,408	\$1,164,185
Initial expenditure	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Expenses & Costs	\$1,375,530	\$1,561,763	\$1,866,977	\$2,027,436	\$2,107,349
EBITDA	\$604,595	\$1,270,268	\$1,542,183	\$1,756,011	\$1,993,364
Depreciation	\$372,760	\$372,760	\$372,760	\$372,760	\$372,760
EBIT	\$231,835	\$897,508	\$1,169,423	\$1,383,251	\$1,620,604
Interest	\$164,782	\$144,184	\$123,586	\$102,988	\$82,391
PRETAX INCOME	\$67,054	\$753,324	\$1,045,837	\$1,280,263	\$1,538,213
Net Operating Loss	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Use of Net Operating Loss	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Taxable Income	\$67,054	\$753,324	\$1,045,837	\$1,280,263	\$1,538,213
Income Tax Expense	\$23,469	\$263,663	\$366,043	\$448,092	\$538,375
NET INCOME	\$43,585	\$489,661	\$679,794	\$832,171	\$999,839
Net Profit Margin (%)	2.2%	17.3%	19.9%	22.0%	24.4%

X. Appendix

The <u>Appendix</u> is used to support the rest of the business plan.

Include the following (if applicable) in the Appendix:

- Projected Income Statements, Balance Sheets and Cash Flow Statements
- Technology: Technical drawings, patent information, etc.
- Product/Service Details
- Partnership and/or Customer Letters
- Expanded Competitor Reviews
- Customer Lists

Sample from Growthink's Ultimate Food Truck Business Plan Template:

The following pages present detailed financial projections for [Company Name] over the next five years. The specific tables to follow include:

- Startup Costs
- 5-Year Annual Income Statement
- 5-Year Annual Balance Sheet
- 5-Year Annual Cash Flow Statement
- Quarterly Income Statement for the First 3 Years
- Quarterly Balance Sheet for the First 3 Years
- Quarterly Cash Flow Statement for the First 3 Years

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