The Food Truck Nation index ranks cities based on regulatory burdens for opening and operating a food truck. The rankings are based on the average scores of all three components of the index: obtaining permits and licenses, complying with restrictions, and operating a food truck. Each city is rated on a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being the most difficult and 10 the easiest.

**Top 20 Cities**

1. **Portland** - The best city for food trucks in America by our measure.
2. **Denver** - Scored the second-lowest results of the cities measured in this index.
3. **Orlando** - Is the only city in our Food Truck Nation Index to score in the top five on all measures.
4. **Philadelphia** - Shows brotherly love toward its food trucks.
5. **Indianapolis** - Is seen by our index and food truck owners as one of the friendliest cities in America in which to do business.
6. **Houston** - Scored well in every category, placing sixth overall in our index.
7. **Nashville** - Placed tenth on our list with its middle-of-the-road food truck regulations.
8. **Phoenix** - Ranks among the five most difficult cities for food trucks.
9. **San Francisco** - Ranks among the five most difficult cities for food trucks.
10. **New York City** - Ranked ninth overall in our index, but there is a greater story beneath the surface.
11. **Chicago** - And its food truck scene appears to be stalling out due to onerous regulations.
12. **Seattle** - Has some of the strictest standards in the country for food trucks.
13. **Austin** - And its regulatory environment for food trucks ranks as one of the five most difficult cities for food trucks to do business.
14. **Los Angeles** - Has a rapidly growing food truck market that is quickly becoming a fixture of local culture.
15. **Raleigh** - Scores above average in terms of food truck regulations.
16. **Columbus** - And its middle-of-the-road approach to regulations appears to be working for the city's food trucks.
17. **Washington, D.C.** - Is the second most difficult city to do business in, according to our index.
18. **St. Louis** - And its regulatory environment was the most difficult for food trucks to navigate in the 20 cities studied.

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