



Division of Environmental Health

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Requirements for Mobile Food Service Operations And Mobile Retail Food Establishments

In order to receive a Mobile Food Service or Retail Food Establishment License, the mobile unit must meet the following as applicable to the operation:

1. A three-compartment sink or a commercially designed and approved dishwasher for wash, rinse and sanitize of equipment/utensils. The sink must be sized so that all equipment/utensils are able to be immersed at least half way into the sink.
 - If a 3-compartment sink or dish machine cannot be installed in the unit, the operation **MUST** have a licensed kitchen to use as a commissary to return to on a daily basis for proper wash, rinse and sanitize of equipment and utensils.
2. A separate designated hand-sink with warm running water under pressure.
3. A hot water tank that will supply a sufficient amount of hot water during peak hours of operation.
4. Commercially designed and approved equipment for cooking, preparation and storage/holding of time/temperature controlled for safety (TCS) foods.
 - Coolers and equipment approved for home-use are not approved for cooking, preparation and storage/holding of TCS foods.
5. Equipment that will be used to fry foods must be located under a ventilation hood and filters to extract grease.
6. All floors, walls, and ceiling must be constructed of materials, which are smooth, **non-absorbent** and easily cleanable.
7. Additional food storage areas (trucks or trailers) must be constructed of materials, which are smooth and easily cleanable.
8. An approved sanitizer (Chlorine, Quaternary Ammonium or Iodine) must be available for sanitizing equipment, utensils and food contact surfaces. A means of testing the concentration of sanitizing solution must be provided.
9. A metal-stem thermometer must be available to check food temperatures.
10. Garbage cans must have tight-fitting lids.
11. Light bulbs in the unit must have light shields or be made so that they are shatter resistant.
12. If the unit will be directly connected to a water supply, a backflow device must be installed on the water supply line. Acceptable backflow devices are #ASSE 1012 (No. 90) or 1024 (No. 7) which protects the water supply under continuous pressure.
13. All single service items and food product must be stored at least six inches off the floor or ground.
14. Wastewater must be collected in an approved container and disposed of at an approved dump station. Waste water cannot be disposed of in a catch basin designed for rain water runoff.
15. All hot and cold holding units (refrigerators, hot boxes) must be equipped with a thermometer to read the ambient air temperature of the unit.
16. The name of the operation, city of origin and phone number (with area code) must be posted on the unit. The lettering for the name of the operation and city of origin **MUST** be a minimum of 3 inches high by 1 inch wide.

In order to obtain licensing; please submit the following information:

1. A sketch of the unit showing location of the equipment
2. A list of the equipment
3. Surface finished (floors, walls, ceiling construction)
4. Foods to be served

Mobile licenses are recognized and valid throughout the State of Ohio.

A pre-opening inspection must be scheduled prior to the start of operation.