



MOBILE CATERING VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS

Mobile catering vehicles are designed to deliver prepared foods for catered events. In order to operate a mobile vehicle within the City of Arlington, the following requirements must be met:

Commissary

All Mobile Food Service Trucks must operate from a permitted commissary. If the commissary is not under the same ownership as the mobile food service truck, then a commissary approval form must be secured, completely filled out, signed and notarized by the commissary owner. This form must include services that the commissary is providing. The notarized commissary letter must accompany each application. The commissary must meet the following requirements:

- a. The facility must be permitted and inspected by a regulating health authority.
- b. The facility must provide for storage of food and single service articles, washing and sanitizing of food contact equipment, obtaining potable water, disposing of waste water, washing of vehicles, and parking of vehicles over-night. Mobile food units may not be parked at home or in any unauthorized location.
- c. All food products must be obtained from approved sources.

Construction

- a) The vehicle must be an enclosed, commercial-type vehicle with smooth, easily cleanable walls, floors and ceiling. No carpet is allowed.
- b) Vehicles must be in good repair and have a current safety inspection sticker from the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles.
- c) Equipment used for maintaining potentially hazardous food at the proper temperature must be NSF approved. Examples include, but are not limited to, thermal insulated transporting units, mechanical refrigeration and similar equipment. Thermometers must be provided for each food holding unit and available for checking food temperatures.
- d) Liquid waste, including beverage syrups, must be collected in a holding tank and disposed of into a sanitary sewer at the commissary location.
- e) The firm name, address, and phone number must be on both sides of the vehicle in at least two inch (2") letters in contrasting letters.

Operation

All mobile food units must meet all applicable requirements of the City of Arlington Health Code including:

- a) All food must be transported in approved insulated units (electrical heat, mechanical refrigeration or cambros) to maintain required temperatures for potentially hazardous food.
- b) All potentially hazardous food must be maintained at the proper temperature at all times. Cold foods must be maintained at 41°F or below; hot foods must be maintained at 140°F or above.
- c) Food containers and all serving articles must be stored and dispensed in a manner to prevent contamination.

- d) No food may be sold from a mobile catering vehicle. The vehicle is strictly used to transport the food and equipment to the catering site.
- e) The exterior and interior of the vehicle must be kept clean and in good repair.

Permit Requirements

It is a violation of the City of Arlington's Health Ordinance to operate a Mobile Food Service Truck without a current Mobile Food Establishment Permit. The owner must obtain a Mobile Food Service Truck Permit and comply with all requirements of the Health, Fire and Zoning Ordinances. Contact the Community Development & Planning Department at 817-459-6502 for any additional information or to schedule an appointment for an inspection. Mobile Food Service Trucks are inspected at the Community Development & Planning Department located at City Hall at 101 W. Abram.

A permit will be issued upon completion of the application, payment of annual permit fee of \$225.00, and approval of the construction and sanitation of the unit. All permits expire on December 31st of each year. Trucks must be inspected and permitted prior to expiration each year. Drivers must present a valid Texas Driver's License and proof of valid vehicle liability insurance in order to be issued a mobile food service permit. **No inspection will be conducted without all required paperwork.**

Please contact Health Services for more information:

Community Development & Planning
Health Services
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Visit our website at <http://www.arlington-tx.gov/cdp/environmental-health/health-permits/> for health permit applications.