

## SAFETY REGULATIONS

### Mobile Food Units must:

- ◆ Not obstruct the flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic;
- ◆ Operate on paved surfaces;
- ◆ Not block any street or alley
- ◆ Carts must be attended at all times, whether serving or not;
- ◆ Potable water must be obtained from an approved source.

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## GUIDE TO OPERATING A MOBILE FOOD UNIT



# MOBILE FOOD UNITS

## GETTING STARTED

Thank you for considering Independence as a location for your Mobile Food Unit. This guide is a brief overview of getting started.

For more information on starting a business in Independence or operating a Mobile Food Unit please visit the City of Independence's website at [www.independencemo.org](http://www.independencemo.org). for more detailed information.

## PERMITS AND LICENSING

Apply for a City of Independence Business License. You may go to the second floor of city Hall, 111 E Maple Ave or apply online at [www.independencemo.org/BusLicense](http://www.independencemo.org/BusLicense) . For more information call 816-325-7079

Apply for a City of Independence Health Permit. Health Department permit must be applied for in person at 515 S Liberty St., Independence, MO . They are open 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday Thru Friday . For more information call 816-325-7803

## LOCATIONS

### Mobile Food Units may be located:

- ◆ On private property with written permission of the property owner.
- ◆ City parks only with permission from Independence Parks and Recreation
- ◆ City parking lots only with permission from Independence Public Works Department
- ◆ Specifically designated locations on the Independence Square retail area and Englewood Arts District. Vendors will be able to operate in these designated areas on a first-come first-serve basis.
- ◆ Residential areas with permission owner or occupant of the property immediately abutting the parked food truck.
- ◆ Not within fifty (50) feet of a restaurant, deli, cafeteria, or other eating establishment selling food items during the time it is open for business.
- ◆ Pushcarts may be located within fifty foot zone if it is owned and operated by restaurant within the fifty-foot zone;

## UNIT REGULATIONS

- ◆ Licenses and permits must be displayed on the Mobile Food Unit at all times
- ◆ Hours of operation are limited to the period between 6:30 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.
- ◆ Operator must be have a valid Food Managers card.
- ◆ Shall be operated from a permitted commissary or other permitted fixed food service establishment.
- ◆ The mobile unit must have a copy of the commissary most recent inspection report.
- ◆ A Restricted Mobile food Unit can service only food that is already prepared, except for Frankfurters.
- ◆ A unrestricted Mobile Food Unit can offer food that is packaged or prepared on the vehicle including the slicing or peeling of fruits and vegetables.
- ◆ Can only use single service articles for use by the consumer.
- ◆ When not in use, the mobile unit shall be stored at the commissary or other approved location with no food contact surfaces exposed to the elements.