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;
♦ Be attended at all times, whether serving or not;
♦ Obtain potable water from an approved source;
♦ Discharge wastewater in an approved manner/location;
Thank you for considering Independence as a location for your Mobile Food Unit (MFU). MFUs may also be known as Food Trucks (vehicle mounted) or Push Carts (non-self propelled). MFUs are a welcome addition to our business and retail community.

This guide is a brief overview of getting started. Please take time to review the guidelines. For more information on starting a business in Independence or operating a MFU please visit the City of Independence’s website at 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 for the commissary and each mobile food unit which will be operating in Independence. Permits must be applied for in person at City Hall, 111 E Maple St., Independence, MO. Hours are 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday Thru Friday. For more information call 816-325-7803.

**LOCATIONS**

**MFUs may be located:**
- On private property with written permission of the property owner.
- In City parks with written permission from Independence Parks and Recreation.
- In City parking lots with written permission from Independence Public Works Department.
- In specifically designated locations in the Englewood Arts District. Vendors will be able to operate in these designated areas on a first-come first-served basis.
- In Residential areas with written permission of the owner or occupant of the property immediately abutting the parked food truck.
- Fifty (50) feet or more away from any restaurant, deli, cafeteria, or other eating establishment selling food items during the time it is open for business.
- Within a fifty foot zone if it is owned and operated by restaurant within the fifty-foot zone;

**UNIT REGULATIONS**

- MFUs must be constructed with commercial grade equipment and meet all Health Codes.
- Licenses and permits must be displayed on the MFU at all times.
- The MFU must have a copy of the commissary’s most recent inspection report.
- Hours of operation are limited to the period between 6:30 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. unless granted permission by Business Licensing for a Special Event.
- MFUs shall operate from a permitted commissary or other permitted fixed food service establishment.
- When not in use, the MFU shall be stored at the commissary or other approved location with no food contact surfaces exposed to the elements.
- MFUs are not to be stored at residential properties.
- At least one MFU operator must be have an Independence Food Manager’s card, additional workers must have at least an Independence Food Handler’s Card.
- A Restricted MFU can serve only food that is already prepared, except for Frankfurters.