

## 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;



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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 (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](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 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 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.