



TOWN OF HALIFAX COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Board of Health

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Guideline for Mobile Food units And Pushcarts

All “Event” permit applications and “Food Vender” permit applications must be submitted to the Halifax Board of Health at least 30 days prior to any planned event opening date.

*** All mobile food vendors are required to have a Massachusetts Hawkers and Peddlers license when participating in mobile food events. If you are licensed in another state, you are still required to have one for Massachusetts.

Mobile Food Vendors are not required to have a hawkers and peddlers license if the event organizer has a promoter’s license. <http://www.mass.gov/ocabr/government/oca-agencies/dos-lp/dos-licensing/hawker-and-peddler-license/>

Mobile food units shall operate in compliance with 105CMR 590.000, minimum sanitation standards for food establishments – Article X.

DEFINITIONS:

Mobile Food Unit: Vehicle mounted food establishment designed to be readily movable.

Pushcart: Non-self-propelled vehicle limited to the following: Service of non-Potentially hazardous foods, service of wrapped food prepared at a food Processors or food service establishment and maintained at proper temperatures, or preparation and service of frankfurters.

RESTRICTIONS:

1. Food preparation is **NOT** permitted on pushcarts, except for frankfurters.
2. A portable water system is required on any mobile food unit that handles unwrapped bulk foods and/or conducts any food preparation including reheating (with the exception of frankfurters).
3. The Board of Health may impose additional requirements and may prohibit the sale of some or all potentially hazardous foods.
4. Food items must be obtained from a facility holding a processors license or a food establishment permit. Potentially hazardous foods may **NOT** be prepared in a residential kitchen (private home).
5. Mobile Food Units and Pushcarts must operate from a base of operations which complies with the requirements of 105 CMR 590.000.

APPLICATION:

The applicant must provide the following documents to be permitted as a mobile food vender.

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1. Completed, dated and signed permit application.
2. Workers Compensation Insurance Affidavit.
3. Liability Insurance Certificate.
 - a. Liability Insurance is a requirement for the Halifax Board of Health to issue a permit.
4. Workers Compensation Insurance Certificate.
5. Food Safety Certificate .
6. Allergen Awareness Certificate.
7. Application fee for event food vender. (*See Fee Schedule or Website*)

INSPECTION:

The applicant should provide the following at the time of inspection for a food establishment permit.

1. Completed application for a permit and revenue attestation form (include name and address of base operation).
2. Mobile Food Unit/Pushcart Plane and Operation Review Questionnaire (*Complete as much as possible prior to the inspection.*)
3. Copy of Town's Business Certificate and/or Hawker's, Peddler's licensing if applicable.