

Health & Food Safety FAQs About Selling or Providing Food in the City of Frisco

Q: I want to sell food in the City of Frisco without having to sell out of a permanent building. What are my options?

A: Health & Food Safety offers four options currently.

1. **Temporary Health Permit** - Permits approved in association with public events only. Private events (such as birthday parties, office parties) do not require permit. Permits are approved for the duration of the event, as approved, with a maximum permit length of 14 days.
2. **Mobile Vendor Permit** - Any person(s) who operate(s) or sell(s) food from a stationary cart, or trailer mounted on chassis, but without an engine, for a period of fifteen (15) days or greater per year. Mobile Food Vendors must operate at a specific location only during the same operation hours as the business on the same lot with a business that has a Certificate of Occupancy. Outside of operation hours, the Mobile vending unit must be removed or otherwise stored. Mobile Vendors must comply with the Mobile Vendor Ordinance #02-12-145 in addition to meeting the requirements for food establishments in the Health Ordinance #16-04-35.
3. **Mobile Food Unit (MFU)** - A vehicle mounted (engine on chassis) food establishment that is readily moveable. Mobile Food Establishments shall not operate in one location for a period of time exceeding fifteen (15) minutes. MFUs vend typically at construction sites. A Mobile Food Unit that wants to operate in one location for a period of time exceeding fifteen minutes (15) must obtain a 'Food Truck' permit.
4. **Food Truck** - a Mobile Food Unit (MFU) that is permitted to operate at an approved location for a period of time exceeding fifteen (15) minutes. Locations are pre-approved and separate permits must be obtained for each location sought. A Food Truck that wants to operate at construction sites must also obtain a 'Mobile Food Unit' permit.

Q: What is a 'push cart'?

A: A non self-propelled mobile food unit limited to serving non-potentially hazardous food. A pushcart is classified as a Mobile Food Establishment. Pushcarts providing foods other than pre-packaged non-potentially hazardous foods shall operate with approval by the regulatory authority, shall be classified as a Mobile Food Vendor and operate in compliance with the City of Frisco Mobile Food Vendor Ordinance.

Q: Can I sell food out of a stationary cart or covered trailer?

A: Only when complying with the Mobile Vendor Ordinance and the Health Ordinance. See Mobile Vendor above. The City of Frisco does not allow food sales, such as, from itinerant vendors, road side vendors or vendors that sell door-to-door.

Q: What applications and information do I need for each of the Permits?

A: The applications available are 1) Temporary Health Permit Application, and, 2) Mobile Food Unit Permit Application (used for Food Truck, Mobile Vendor and Mobile Unit). Please see each application respectively for complete list.

Q: I would like to operate a daycare out of my residence. What do I need to do?

A: Operating a business out of a home is regulated by the Planning Division of the Development Services Department (972.292.5300) and is required to comply with the Home Occupation Ordinance. A daycare must also comply with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Child Care Licensing Division. If the daycare offers food, a Health permit may also be required from the Texas Department of Health. A Health permit is not required from the City of Frisco.