



## **Mobile Food Unit / Food Trucks**

### **What is considered a Mobile Food Unit?**

A mobile food unit or food truck is a vehicle mounted, self or otherwise propelled (push carts included), used to store, prepare, display, serve, or sell food. They must remain readily movable as defined in Sec. 228.221 of the Texas Food Establishment Rules (TFER). Trailer units requiring a vehicle for transportation, will require the vehicle to be available and present at the location where the unit is operating at all times. MFUs must be self-contained with all equipment located within the unit. Tent, booth, and table set-ups are not considered as an MFU, and would require temporary food permits the event.

### **What do I need to operate a Mobile Food Unit?**

To obtain a medallion, the following documentation will be required at the time of inspection:

- A completed application (processed at Community Development)
- Proof of valid Texas Driver's License for unit driver.
- A copy of a Valid Insurance coverage for Mobile Unit.
- Proof of Commissary
- Proof of a Certified Food Manager, and Food Handler's certification(s) for all employees.
- Proof of current registration - (Mobile Unit/Trailer).
- Readable Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) on Vehicle that matches registration.

Food trucks must be inspected by a City of Pearland Health Officer and may require an inspection by the Fire Marshal's Office. Please call 281-652-1766 to schedule an appointment after payment is made. Checklist for inspection criteria can be found [here](#).

### **How much are Mobile Food Unit fees?**

Fees will be \$250

### **How long is the medallion good for?**

A medallion is good for 365 days from the date of issuance.

### **Other Requirements?**

Food trucks are allowed in the following zoning districts with an approved temporary event permit; General Business (GB), General Commercial (GC), and Neighborhood Services (NS).

Properties zoned GB or GC are allowed six events per year. Properties zoned NS are allowed four events per year.

### **How much are Temporary Event Permits?**

Permit fees will be \$50

Processing time for the Temporary Activity Permit is minimum 5 business days.

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