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Low Risk Mobile Unit Requirements

Low risk mobile units pose a potential risk to the public in terms of sanitation, food labeling, sources of food, and food storage practices within the unit. Low risk activities include:

- (a) Holding for sale or service pre-packaged refrigerated or frozen time/temperature controlled for safety foods; and
- (b) Offering for sale or serving pre-packaged non-time/temperature controlled for safety foods.

Step 1: Submit Documents for Review

- A completed, signed, and dated application.
- Completed drawing diagram that includes the floor plan for the interior of the unit.
- A menu or list of foods and beverages that will be sold.
- Payment for the cost of the mobile license.
- The required documents for review must be submitted at least **10 days** prior to the need for an inspection.

Step 2: Scheduling of inspection

- The contact person listed on the application will be contacted by an inspector to schedule the inspection of the mobile unit.
- The inspection may be conducted at your residence, business headquarters, or another agreed upon location.
- The construction of the mobile must be complete, cleaned, and capable of operation prior to the scheduling of an inspection.

Step 3: Inspection

- If the inspection is deemed unsatisfactory, the license will not be granted. You will need to make the necessary corrective action(s) and schedule another inspection once the corrective action(s) have been completed.
- If the mobile unit is observed to be capable of operating in compliance with the Ohio Uniform Food Code, the mobile license will be granted. Once the mobile license is received, the unit is capable of operation. The mobile license will be valid throughout the state of Ohio. The license is valid from the date of issuance throughout the month of February.
- The mobile license must be displayed when the unit is in operation.



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Structural and Equipment Requirements

If there are any questions regarding the requirements below, please contact Mahoning County Public Health at (330) 270-2855 extension 2. It is strongly recommended that you communicate with your inspector to ensure your equipment, ideas, and design comply with the mobile requirements.

Walls, Floors and Ceilings: Surface finishes must be smooth, easily cleanable, and non-porous. Floors may be covered with linoleum, vinyl tile, metal, or any other material that satisfies these requirements.

Lighting: Must be achieved through shielded or shatter-resistant bulbs in food storage locations. A light intensity of at least 10-foot candles must be satisfied.

Refrigeration: The commercial equipment requirement does not apply to low-risk mobile operations. Commercial or residential mechanical refrigeration may be utilized. Non-mechanical refrigeration equipment containing ice, ice packs, or dry ice may also be utilized if the ice, ice packs, or dry ice are replenished every four hours during operation. Mechanical or non-mechanical refrigeration must be stocked with a shatter proof thermometer and a cold holding temperature of 41 °F or below must be achieved.

Identification: You must place your concession name, location (i.e. city and state, you do not have to list your address) and a phone number in **three (3) inch letters on the exterior of the unit.**

Operational Requirements for Low-Risk Mobile Units

- Time/temperature controlled for safety foods must be maintained at a temperature of 41°F or below.
- All food must be stored in a manner so that it will be protected from dirt, debris or cross-contamination.
- All food must be obtained from approved sources that comply with all laws relating to food and food products. The use of “home canned foods” or foods prepared at home or in another unlicensed facility is **strictly prohibited.**
- A valid mobile license must be within your unit and **always displayed** when the mobile unit is in operation.



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FACILITY DIAGRAM

MENU

Low-risk Mobile Operation Facility Review (PLEASE DRAW AND LABEL THE ITEMS ON THE DIAGRAM ABOVE)

- 1) Food items offered (Menu) (PLEASE LIST TOP RIGHT)
- 2) Sources of food _____
- 3) Cold holding equipment _____
- 4) Surface finish materials (floors, walls, ceiling) _____

- 5) Lighting (shatter resistant) _____
- 6) Exterior of mobile: Name, City of Origin, Area Code and Phone Number
- 7) Any other information requested by the licenser.