



- At the conclusion of the vehicle/cart evaluation:

**Carts that do not meet the requirements:**

- May be referred to Plan Check. Plan check is responsible for reviewing and approving plans submitted for new or remodeled Mobile Food Facilities
- If Plan Check is not required, the vendor will be instructed to make the necessary corrections and come back for a re-inspection

**Carts that meet the requirements:**

- Permit is processed and you will receive an invoice with your fee
- Upon payment, the certification decals (signs) will be placed on your mobile food facility.

**What are the fees for the mobile food facility permits?**

	Cart	Truck or Trailer
Prepackaged	\$393	\$692
Unpackaged	\$772	\$905

**OTHER PERMITS NEEDED**

**What do I need in addition to obtaining a Public Health permit?**

In addition to obtaining a Public Health permit, you'll also need to get a business license in the city where you'll be selling food.

- 1) If you're selling food in the City of Los Angeles, you can apply for a business license at: <http://www.finance.lacity.org/forms>  
The form is called Application for Business Tax Registration Certificate 2018
  - If you're selling food in a city other than Los Angeles, contact the specific city where you're selling food
- 2) Also, you'll need to check the land use restrictions for the city you're selling food in to ensure you are allowed to sell food in the space you desire.

**Do I need any special training or certification to operate a mobile food facility?**

If you're selling unpackaged and perishable food (foods that need to be kept hot or cold), you'll need training. The 2 types of training are: the Certified Food Handler (CFH) and the Certified Food Protection Manager (CFM) certificate. To learn more about the differences between the 2 trainings and where to take them, visit: [http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/docs/CFH\\_FAQ\\_Final.pdf](http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/docs/CFH_FAQ_Final.pdf)

For additional information on mobile food facilities, please contact the Vehicle Inspection Program at (626) 430-5500.

**MOBILE FOOD FACILITY PERMITS**



**THIS FACTSHEET IS FOR VENDORS WHO WANT TO SELL FOOD ON THE STREET IN A CART, TRUCK, OR TRAILER.**

Anyone over 18 years of age can get a mobile food facility permit. You don't have to be a U.S. resident or citizen to get a public health permit. Los Angeles Department of Public Health (Public Health) will NOT ask questions regarding your residency status.



### What is a mobile food facility?

A mobile food facility is a cart, truck, or trailer that people use to sell food and beverages. Carts are smaller and usually sell a few food items. Trucks and trailers are bigger and usually offer a more complex menu.

Food can be sold as prepackaged or unpackaged. Prepackaged food has already been wrapped by a manufacturing company. Unpackaged food is made by the people selling the food. Some examples of prepackaged and unpackaged foods sold from different vehicles are below:

#### PREPACKAGED

##### CART

Ice cream bars, popsicles, chips, gum, candy, water bottles, soda cans

##### TRUCK OR TRAILER

Ice cream bars, popsicles, chips, gum, candy, water bottles, soda cans

#### UNPACKAGED

##### CART

Chopped fruit, hot dogs, tamales, churros, corn on the cob, smoothies, coffee, champurrado, raspados

##### TRUCK OR TRAILER

Plated foods, hamburgers, fries, tacos, burritos, pupusas, gorditas

### What do I need to operate a mobile food facility?

You are required to have a public health permit to operate a mobile food facility. You may apply for a Health Permit by contacting the Department of Public Health, Environmental Health, Vehicle Inspection Program at: (626) 430-5500

### What are the benefits of a Public Health Permit?

- Having this permit informs potential customers your food/beverages have been evaluated for safety by Public Health.
- Individuals who only want to eat from establishments that have a Public Health permit will be more inclined to purchase food /beverages from you.

### What are the steps to get a Public Health Permit?

- To be guided through the permitting process, contact the Vehicle Inspection Program at: (626) 430-5500
- Prior to receiving your Public Health Permit, your vehicle/cart must be evaluated to ensure it meets the mobile food facility requirements that apply, per the California Retail Food Code



## PERMITS

- You'll need to provide the following documents when applying for the permit:
  - A) Valid Picture ID
  - B) If filing as a Limited Liability Company (LLC) or a corporation, provide Articles of Organization or Articles of Incorporation
  - C) Vehicle DMV Registration (if applicable)
  - D) Commissary Contract
  - E) Completed Mobile Food Facility Permit application (The permit application may be accessed prior to your appointment, at the link below): [http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/SSE/Vehicle\\_Inspection/vip.htm](http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/SSE/Vehicle_Inspection/vip.htm)