

Guidelines for Limited Service Food Pushcarts (Pre-Packaged Foods)



City of Dallas

1. The cart must be stainless steel, anodized aluminum, fiberglass reinforced plastic, or similar materials. If any wood is used, it must be completely covered with Formica-type materials. The cart cannot have any area containing a break, seam, crack, chip, pit or similar imperfection or have difficult-to-clean internal corners or crevices. Carts having exposed angle iron supports or bracing will not be approved. No exposed rivets or square-head screws will be allowed.
2. The cart must be non-motorized and easily moveable by one person. The bottom of the food service or storage unit shall be at least 6" from the ground.
3. The measurements of the cart must not exceed three feet in length, two feet in width (exclusive of wheels), or two feet in height (exclusive of wheels), except for frozen dessert stationary pushcarts, which must not exceed six feet in length, three feet in width (exclusive of wheels), or four feet in height (exclusive of wheels).
4. Operator may vend only pre-wrapped and properly labeled foods in individual packages for immediate consumption and non-potentially hazardous beverages from pressurized dispensers or covered urns.
5. All foods must be obtained from a permitted fixed food facility.
6. If used, ice must be drained into a retention tank to be properly disposed of at the commissary or designated servicing area. No wastewater leakage will be allowed.
7. Carts must report daily to the commissary and servicing area for food supplies, cleaning and servicing. If the applicant does not own the commissary, a Commissary Approval Form must be completed and submitted to the Consumer Health Division for approval. All Commissary Approval Forms must be notarized if the owner is not present in our office at the time of the signing.

8. All commissaries must be pre-approved prior to permitting the mobile unit. Allow up to ten (10) working days for processing of commissary approval. Each new permit and renewal requires a new notarized Commissary Approval Form.

9. CARTS AND EXCESS FOOD MUST BE STORED AT THE COMMISSARY OVERNIGHT.

10. Cart must comply with applicable sections of Chapter 50 if the cart is to be located in the Central Business District areas.

11. Cart must have firm name and permit number on both sides of the cart in at least three inch letters. Permit numbers are assigned at time of inspection and must be placed on cart within 24 hours.

12. Permit must be retained on the mobile unit at all times.

13. Operator must maintain mobile unit in a clean condition at all times.

Note: Park Department Information

1. Chapter 50-158 (b) states you can not sell food and drink concessions on park property without a contract with the Park and Recreation Department.

2. Contact the Parks and Recreation Office if you are interested in receiving more information concerning food and drink concession contracts.