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Ice Cream Vendor Permit Application

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE – INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED

This application packet must be filled out completely and turned in with a copy of proof of Texas sales and use tax permit and copy of current and valid identification card for owner and any applicable responsible parties. Application for a permit to operate does not guarantee that a permit will be granted. Permit approval is based upon the establishment or mobile food unit's compliance with state and local health requirements. **MOBILE UNITS MUST BE PRESENT TO ISSUE PERMIT.** The application fee is non-refundable. **PERMITS ARE NON-TRANSFERABLE.**

The price associated with the Mobile Food Vendor Permit will be \$50.00 for application and inspection and \$100.00 for Mobile Food Vendor Permit. A permit will be issued upon completion of application, payment of annual permit fee and approval of the construction and sanitation of the unit. Ice Cream Trucks must be inspected and permitted within 30 days prior to expiration each year. Drivers must present a valid Texas Driver's License and proof of valid vehicle liability insurance in order to be issued a mobile food vendor permit. For additional information on application deadlines and inspections contact the Health Division at 956-402-4211.

Mobile Vending Unit Business Name: _____

Types of Ice Cream to be offered: _____

Business Owner: _____ D.O.B. _____ Driver's License #: _____

Email: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Type of Mobile Vending Permit: Ice Cream Truck

Vehicle Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____

Color: _____ License Plate #: _____ State: _____ VIN#: _____

Name of Ice Cream Distributor: _____

Copy of City Health Permit or County Permit: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

I hereby certify that the information provided above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. By signing this application I hereby grant the City of Pharr authorization to do the background and information check(s) necessary to process this application. I also hereby grant employees of the City of Pharr to enter the premises and conduct any inspections necessary to process this application. Alterations, changes or deviations from the plans authorized by this permit are unlawful without written authorization. The applicant hereby agrees to comply with all City Ordinances, Code, Subdivision Regulations, Restrictions, Local, State and Federal Laws and assumes all responsibility for such compliance. I understand that the City of Pharr does not enforce any private restriction, covenant rule, or regulation that may be imposed. If permit becomes invalid for any reason no refunds will be issued.

The mobile food operation must submit all required documents, pass all physical inspections, provide fee payments and hold a permit decal to legally operate. Permit expiration date is indicated on the permit decal. **Operation of a Mobile Food Vendor business without a Permit may be punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000.00 per day of operation.**

(Business Owner Signature) **(Date)**

(Business Owner Print Name) **(Date)**

ICE CREAM VENDOR RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The vehicle must be clean, inside and out, painted, and in good condition. Only one servicing window is allowed on the curbside of the vehicle.
2. The vehicle must be equipped with left and right outside rear view mirrors and two wide-angle mirrors; one located in the front and one located in the back of the vehicle.
3. The vehicle must be equipped with signs reading WATCH FOR CHILDREN and/or STOP FOR CHILDREN in 5" letters on both the front and the back of the vehicle. It is recommended that signs be present on all four sides of the vehicle.
4. The vehicle must have firm name on both sides of the vehicle in 3" letters and permit number on the front bottom right hand side window within 24 hours of the permitting inspection.
5. All vehicles must be equipped with operable four-way hazard lights and at least one permanently affixed amber light on the top of the vehicle. Lights must be turned on at all sales stops.
6. The use of mechanical loudspeakers or sound amplifiers on trucks or other moving vehicles for the purpose of advertising any show, sale or display of merchandise is prohibited. Vehicles will not be permitted with a sound generating device attached.
7. Floors and floor coverings must be constructed of a smooth and durable material, such as linoleum or metal, and must be easily cleanable. Carpeting of any type is strictly prohibited. The use of anti-slip floor covering will be allowed.
8. Walls and ceilings must be smooth, easily cleanable and non-absorbent. No carpet or exposed raw wood is allowed.
9. All equipment must be mounted and properly secured to eliminate unsafe conditions.
10. Food storage units must be clean, in good repair, and properly designed to maintain the food product at 10 degrees Fahrenheit or below. A visible thermometer must be provided.
11. All ice cream must be pre-wrapped, sealed, labeled and obtained from an approved source.
12. Pre-packaged candy, chips and soft drinks must be sold in single portion units. No hot foods such as nachos, hot dogs, cheese Cheetos, corn, ect.
13. If soft drinks are cooled on wet ice, a retention tank must be provided for drainage purposes and must be disposed of at a designated commissary or food establishment.
14. A trash receptacle must be available to the customer from the outside of the vehicle.
15. Copies of the Mobile Food Vendor Permit must be retained on the vehicle at all times.
16. All drivers must possess a current Texas Driver's License, Texas License Plate and a Texas Safety Inspection Sticker.
17. Vendors shall not sell, distribute, or offer for sale, any products or services within two city blocks or 600 feet, whichever is greater, of the grounds of any public, private, parochial, elementary or secondary school between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on days when school is in session.
18. Vendors shall limit their hours to true daylight, which is defined as 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.
19. All units must post and maintain at least one (1) employee's original and valid City of Pharr Food Manager Certificate on unit at all times. All other employees must be registered as Food Handlers with the City of Pharr Health Division. A verification list of all employees Food Manager and Food Handler credentials must be submitted at time of permit renewal.

I have read and understand the items of responsibility listed above, and I agree to comply with all of the requirements. I further understand that observed violations of these requirements may result in permit suspension and/or legal charges being filed.

(Business Owner Signature)

(Date)

(Business Owner Printed Name)

(Date)



Certification in Jurisdiction of Food Establishment and/or Distribution Facility

Vendors applying for a City of Pharr Mobile Food Vendors Permit who seek to purchase ice cream and snack products from outside of the City of Pharr jurisdiction must submit this form verifying the facility's permitted status. This verification documentation must be completed by the public health authority with oversight of this facility.

The proposed food establishment listed below seeks verification from the presiding health authority that the establishment holds a valid Food Establishment Permit and meets the presiding authority's requirements to serve as a Food Establishment or Distribution Facility.

Name of Food Establishment or Distribution Facility

Permit Holder/Responsible Party of Food Establishment

Address of Food Establishment

Permit Number

Permit Expiration Date

I certify that under my jurisdiction the above establishment is currently approved to operate as a: (please check box)

Food Establishment

Distribution Facility

Printed Name of Health Officer/Authority

Signature of Health Officer/Authority

Jurisdiction

Date

Contact Phone Number



ICE CREAM TRUCKS

Ice Cream Truck is defined by a motor vehicle in which ice cream, popsicles, ice sherbets or other frozen desserts of any kind are carried for the purpose of retail sale on the streets of the city.

- (A) The vehicle must be clean, inside and out, painted, and in good condition. Only one servicing window is allowed on the curbside of the vehicle.
- (B) The vehicle must be equipped with left and right outside rear view mirrors and two wide-angle mirrors; one located in the front and one located in the back of the vehicle.
- (C) The vehicle must be equipped with signs reading WATCH FOR CHILDREN and/or STOP FOR CHILDREN in 5" letters on both the front and the back of the vehicle. It is recommended that signs be present on all four sides of the vehicle.
- (D) The vehicle must have firm name on both sides of the vehicle in 3" letters and permit number on the front bottom right hand side window within 24 hours of the permitting inspection.
- (E) All vehicles must be equipped with operable four-way hazard lights and at least one permanently affixed amber light on the top of the vehicle. Lights must be turned on at all sales stops.
- (F) The use of mechanical loudspeakers or sound amplifiers on trucks or other moving vehicles for the purpose of advertising any show, sale or display of merchandise is prohibited. Vehicles will not be permitted with a sound generating device attached.
- (G) Floors and floor coverings must be constructed of a smooth and durable material, such as linoleum or metal, and must be easily cleanable. Carpeting of any type is strictly prohibited. The use of anti-slip floor covering will be allowed.
- (H) Walls and ceilings must be smooth, easily cleanable and non-absorbent. No carpet or exposed raw wood is allowed.
- (I) All equipment must be mounted and properly secured to eliminate unsafe conditions.
- (J) Food storage units must be clean, in good repair, and properly designed to maintain the food product at 10 degrees Fahrenheit or below. A visible thermometer must be provided.
- (K) All ice cream must be pre-wrapped, sealed, labeled and obtained from an approved source.
- (L) Pre-packaged candy, chips and soft drinks must be sold in single portion units. No hot foods such as nachos, hot dogs, cheese Cheetos, etc.
- (M) If soft drinks are cooled on wet ice, a retention tank must be provided for drainage purposes and must be disposed of at a designated commissary or food establishment.
- (N) A trash receptacle must be available to the customer from the outside of the vehicle.

- (O) A commissary or food establishment is required for a Mobile Food Vendor to operate in the City of Pharr.
- (P) Copies of the Mobile Food Vendor Permit must be retained on the vehicle at all times.
- (Q) All drivers must possess a current Texas Driver's License, Texas License Plate and a Texas Safety Inspection Sticker.
- (R) Vendors shall not sell, distribute, or offer for sale, any products or services within two city blocks or 600 feet, whichever is greater, of the grounds of any public, private, parochial, elementary or secondary school between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on days when school is in session.
- (S) Vendors shall limit their hours to true daylight, which is defined as 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.

PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

It is a violation of City of Pharr Health Ordinance to operate an Ice Cream Truck without a current permit. For additional information on application deadlines and inspections contact the Health Division at 956-402-4211. A permit will be issued upon completion of application, payment of annual permit fee and approval of the construction and sanitation of the unit. Ice Cream Trucks must be inspected and permitted within 30 days prior to expiration each year. Drivers must present a valid Texas Driver's License and proof of valid vehicle liability insurance in order to be issued a mobile food service permit.