



## **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, etc.
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.

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**(Business Owner Signature)**

**(Date)**

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**(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.

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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



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## 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.
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- (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.