

Conventional Restricted Units (Mobile food units)

Restricted Motorized Units (*Not including units that only sell pre-packaged ice cream products*)

General Information:

All Foods on this type of unit must be packaged, except for non-potentially hazardous beverages (coffee or tea, for example) dispensed from protected equipment. Since this type of food requires no utensils and no food is exposed, the Houston Food Ordinance does not require restricted unit to have sinks.

Note: No preparation, repackaging, or portioning of food may take place on a unit permitted as a restricted operations unit.

To obtain a permit:

Take unit to 7427 Park Place Blvd, Houston, TX 77087, on a Tuesday or Thursday before 10am for inspection.

What to Bring for Inspection:

1. Valid Texas Driver's License
 2. Proof of Insurance
 3. Signed, notarized Property Agreement Letter, *if the unit will operate at the same location for more than 1 hour on any given day
 4. Road-worthy unit (current safety inspection and registration stickers on motor vehicles)
 5. Business name permanently on 2 sides, minimum 3" tall letters
 6. Fire extinguisher (2A10BC if no propane. 3A40BC or 4A40BC if propane)
 7. Payment of **\$ 646.24** in the form of a (1) credit or debit card (Mastercard, Visa, or Discover), (2) cashier's check or money order or (3) company check with the same name as the mobile food unit.
 8. Note: If unit uses propane, bring also:
 - paid invoice for LP Gas permit
 - receipt from gas equipment inspection
- LP Gas permit office: 1002 Washington, 77002 Ph. 832-394-9083

Operational Requirements for Restricted Units:

- Do not stop or park on a public street or sidewalk to sell.
- Keep all potentially hazardous foods at required temperatures of -135 degrees F or hotter, or 41 degrees F or colder
- Store all food at least 6 inches above the floor
- *Obtain and submit a copy of a signed, notarized Property Agreement Letter to the Houston Health Department/Mobile Food Units Program at least 2 days prior to operating at any location where the Mobile unit will operate for more than a total of 1 hour on any given day.

Remember: A restricted mobile food unit is a unit that serves only:

- Food prepared and packaged in individual servings at an approved commissary
- Beverages that are not potentially hazardous [coffee, tea, lemonade] and are dispensed from covered urns or other protected equipment

- Potentially hazardous beverages such as individual servings of milk, milk products and coffee creams packaged at a pasteurizing plant and
- Prepackaged individual serving frozen dessert items including frozen ice and ice cream novelty bars, cones and serving cups that have been packaged at a pasteurizing plant or other approved facility.

Do not sell any foods which do not fall under this definition.