



FAQ – Mobile Food Units (MFUs)

September 2023

1) Are food trucks and food trailers permitted to sell food in Grand Prairie?

Yes. Food trucks and food trailers with permits issued by Dallas or Tarrant County are allowed to operate in Grand Prairie. There are certain requirements and restrictions to operate a mobile food unit.

2) What are the requirements to operate a food truck/trailer in Grand Prairie?

Starting on September 1, 2023, all mobile food units must register with the Public Health and Environmental Quality department before applying for a county permit. After registration, mobile food units must obtain a permit from Dallas or Tarrant County, depending on the area in which they wish to establish operations.

3) Where do I obtain more information about a permit for my food truck?

Contact the Public Health and Environmental Quality at 972-237-8055, Dallas County Health and Human Services at (214) 819-2115, or Tarrant County Public Health at (817)-248-6299.

4) Can I operate anywhere in the Grand Prairie city limits?

The city ordinance specifies public street locations with a vending stop not exceeding more than fifteen (15) minutes for non-stationary units. This prohibits operation in any congested areas where operations might impede or inconvenience the public.

No vending operations can occur within 300 ft of a school zone.

No vendor may enter any park for the purpose of vending without first receiving a permit from Parks, Arts, and Recreation Department.

5) Does the City of Grand Prairie allow stationary units?

Yes. As of August 2022, stationary mobile units are permitted. Stationary mobile units may stay at a single location between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. and return to the commissary for servicing daily. No overnight parking is allowed. Stationary Mobile Units must be readily moveable at all times.

6) What other requirements are needed in order to operate a mobile food unit?

Operator of the mobile food unit must possess a valid driver's license, provide copies of the private property authorization form, and copy of county permit.

7) Does the City of Grand Prairie require route or itinerary sheets?

Yes. A route/itinerary sheet must be provided for each non-stationary food mobile unit, each month. Route/Itineraries must be updated as often as they change and must be accurate within thirty (30) minutes.

8) How long is my registration good for and what is the cost?

All registrations are good for one (1) year from the date issued by the county. There is no cost for the registration.

For additional information please contact the Public Health and Environmental Quality at 972-237-8055.