



## **FAQ – Mobile Food Units**

### **February 2023**

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

Yes. Food trucks and food trailers 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?**

All mobile food units must first obtain a permit with the Public Health and Environmental Quality department to operate. All vendors must fill out a Mobile Food Unit application, present a valid driver's license, obtain a signed agreement from a licensed commissary, obtain permit from facility owner where the unit will operate from, current insurance, pay fees, and pass an inspection.

**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.

**4) Why is a commissary needed as part of the application requirements?**

Commissary facilities are required for the purpose of cleaning and maintenance of the unit. This includes disposing of wastewater, proper disposal of used oils, fats and greases, obtaining fresh water through food-grade devices, and storing of mobile unit. Per city ordinance, all vendors must report to their commissaries daily for all servicing operations.

**5) Do I have to use a commissary located in Grand Prairie?**

No. The city does recognize other commissaries in the surrounding area. In order to obtain department approval, the applicant must obtain a notarized commissary approval form, the latest inspection report and a copy of the commissary health permit from the local regulatory authority. Call 972-237-8055 for more information.

**6) 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.

**7) 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.

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

Operator of the mobile food unit must possess a Texas Food Manager Certification and must be registered with the City of Grand Prairie. Per Texas Food Establishment Rules, the Certified Food Manager must be onsite at all times. All other employees must obtain a food handler card.

**9) 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.

**10) How long is my permit good for and what is the cost?**

All permits are good for one (1) year from the issued date. It is the responsibility of the vendor to renew annually. The annual cost is \$250 and there is a one-time application fee of \$200. In addition, a Texas Food Manager Certification is required and must be registered with the City of Grand Prairie. The fee for a City of Grand Prairie Food Manager's Certification is \$50.

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