

Starting September 1, 2023, all Mobile Food Units (MFUs) wishing to operate in Grand Prairie must be permitted through the county's health department with jurisdiction over the area where they wish to conduct business.

Texas Legislature HB 2878 amended Subtitle A, Title 6, Health and Safety Code, Chapter 437A, transferring certain regulatory authority to the counties. **However, the new permitting process does not exempt MFUs from local municipal laws. All MFUs must comply with all municipal zoning, parking, fire, and other ordinances.**

The new law requires MFUs owners to have their units inspected and permitted by county officials. Permitted MFUs owners may operate at any of the cities within each county where they obtain a permit.

The permitting process to operate in Grand Prairie is the following:

- 1- Bring a notarized permit authorization form from the property owner to Public Health and Environmental Quality Department (PHEQ). The area/location must be authorized to conduct business according to current local zoning laws.
- 2- Once PHEQ approves the site location, proceed at the county level.
- 3- Once you obtain a permit with the county, provide a copy of the permit to PHEQ.
- 4- No MFUs will be authorized to operate within city limits without first register with PHEQ and have a valid county permit.

Dallas County Health and Human Services

Application packet and fee information:

<https://www.dallascounty.org/departments/dchhs/public-health/environmental-health/mfu-inspections.php>

Inspections by appointment only. To schedule an inspection call (214) 819-2115.

Inspection location: 2121 Panoramic Circle, Dallas TX 75212.

Hours: Tuesday – Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (except for court approved holidays)

Tarrant County

Application packet and fee information:

<https://www.tarrantcountytexas.gov/content/dam/main/public-health/ph-environmental-health/MFU%20PACKET%20UPDATED%20FEES.pdf>

Inspection location: 1101 S. Main St. Suite 2300, Fort Worth, TX 76104

Hours: Monday – Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. (except legal holidays)

For additional information call 817-248-6299