



ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY DIVISION
GUIDELINES FOR CLASSIFYING RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS

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The following definitions and categories have been selected to determine the fees that will be applied to health permit applications and permits.

Classification of Mobile Food Units

Mobile Food Preparation Vehicles (Hot Truck)

Mobile Food Preparation Vehicle (Hot Truck) is defined as a readily movable, commercially manufactured, motorized mobile food unit in which ready-to-eat food is cooked, wrapped, packaged, processed or portioned for service, sale, or distribution. Fee \$250.00

Mobile Lunch Trucks (Cold Truck)

A commercially manufactured motorized mobile food unit from which only pre-packaged foods and beverages are sold. Only pre-wrapped, bottled, canned or properly labeled packaged foods in individual servings and non-potentially hazardous beverages may be vended. Fee \$200.00

Ice Cream Trucks

A motorized vehicle equipped to sell only pre-wrapped, sealed, labeled ice cream, soft drinks and other non-potentially hazardous food items such as chips. Fee \$175.00

Categories of Food Establishments

Full Service Establishments

A full service establishment is an establishment that prepares and serves a wide selection of foods, beverages and desserts to customers. Waiting staff is available and the food is prepared upon ordering. Meals are generally served and eaten on premises, but may also be offered for take-out and home delivery. Fee \$500.00

Examples of Category Type:

- Nursing or retirement homes
- Catering establishments (Gil's Elegant Catering)
- Food Service Restaurants (On the Border, Cheddars, El Pulpo, etc.)

Fast Food Establishments

A fast food establishment is a restaurant characterized both by its fast food cuisine and by minimal table service. Typically the menu is limited and the food is cooked in bulk in advance and kept hot. The food is packaged to order and usually available ready to take away. Fast food restaurants are usually part of a restaurant chain or franchise operation. Fee \$400.00

Examples of Category Type:

- Fast food restaurants (Wendy's, McDonalds, Taco Bell, Pizza Hut, etc.)
- Sandwich shops (Subway, Quizno's, etc.)
- Coffee shops (Starbuck's, Brass Bean Café, etc.)
- Hotels and Motels
- Buffet Restaurants (Cici's Pizza, Yes Buffett, China Sea Buffet, etc.)

Convenient Stores

A convenient store is a facility that sells prepackaged foods as well as candy, ice cream, soft drinks, cigarettes and other tobacco products, newspapers and magazines, along with a selection of processed groceries. Convenient stores may also be a part of gas stations. These facilities are not engaged in any food preparation. Fee \$300.00

- Convenient Stores (7-Eleven, Fina Mart, Valero, QT, etc.)
- Supermarkets (Wal-Mart, Sam's, Albertson's, etc.) - Note: see pg. 3 for more information

Itinerant Vendors

Vendors that sell or distribute only non-potentially hazardous food products that are commercially prepared and prepackaged, or consist of fresh whole produce in its natural state at a trade fair, Trader's Village, or the City of Grand Prairie Farmer's Market. Fee \$200.00

Other Facilities

These are facilities that have very limited food service operations or operate for short periods of time to include seasonal establishments. They may also be attached to Full Service, Fast Food, and Convenient Stores Establishments. Fee \$250.00

Examples of Category Type:

- Bakeries
- Drinking Establishments
- Food Manufacturers

- Food Warehouses
- Donut Shops
- Skate rinks, movie theaters, and bingo parlors.
- Ice cream and Snow Cone establishments (Baskin Robbins, Marble Slab Creamery, Snow Cone Harbor, Snowland, etc.)
- Pure water establishments (Watermill Express, P.S. Water Vending, etc.)
- Meat markets
- Department Stores (Marshall's, Office Depot, Petco, Ross, etc.)

Multiple Permit Establishments

All establishments that require multiple permits to cover their daily operations or services will pay a permit fee according to their primary type of operation (Full Service \$500.00, Fast Food \$400.00, Convenience Store \$300.00 and Other Facilities \$250.00). Any additional required permits for these establishments will be billed as Other \$250.00.