

# City of Knoxville

## Permit Application for Mobile Food Unit

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NOTE: This application must be filled out completely. Application for a permit does not guarantee that a permit will be granted. Application approval is based upon compliance of the Mobile Food Unit (MFU) with state and local health requirements and City of Knoxville ordinances governing MFU operation.

Business Name		
MFU Name		
MFU Owner	Owner Phone	
Owner Street Address		
City, State, Zip	Owner Email	
MFU Operator	Operator Phone	
Address for Grease Trap Disposal		
City Business License Number	County Business License Number	
TN Department of Health License Number		
KUB Grease Control Program Permit Number <input type="checkbox"/> Check here to certify that you have contacted KUB, and KUB determined that you do not need to participate in the Grease Control Program. The City of Knoxville reserves the right to verify this certification.		
Applicant's Driver License Number (list state if not TN) <i>Please attach to this application copies of the driver licenses of all drivers of the MFU.</i>		
Type of Vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/> Truck	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) <span style="float: right;">Please attach a color photo of the vehicle.</span>
Vehicle Make	Model	Year
Vehicle Weight <i>If weight exceeds 26,000 lbs., a Commercial Driver License is required.</i>	Vehicle License Plate Number <i>Please attach copy of registration. List state if not TN</i>	
Will the MFU use a deep fryer or flat top griddle for food preparation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Will propane be used on the MFU?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the MFU equipped to use shore power?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Will the MFU operate in Zones in the public right-of-way?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

- Applicable Fee:**
- Annual Permit** (valid for one year)—\$200
  - Temporary Permit** (valid for single event, not to exceed 3 consecutive days)—\$75
  - Renewal Application** (application must be made within 5 days of expiration)—\$50
  - If this is a Renewal Application, please check here if changes have been made to the MFU since its last inspection by the City of Knoxville.

**A Mobile Food Unit CANNOT operate in the City of Knoxville unless the MFU has a valid Mobile Food Unit Permit issued by the City and complies with all applicable laws and regulations.**

I certify that all information in this application and the required documents is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I agree to comply with the City of Knoxville regulations regarding MFUs. I understand that if any changes are made to the information included in this application, I should notify the Office of Policy & Strategic Projects.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Applicant

# Required Documents Checklist

*This page is for reference only.*

*Additional documents or information may be required by the Office of Business Support.*

Required Item	Applicant/Vendor	Staff
Copy of City and County business licenses	0	0
	0	0
Copy of TN Department of Health license <sup>0</sup> Copy of driver license(s) and vehicle registration		0
COK Fire Department Inspection Report (To be completed after submission of application)	--	0
COK Electrical Inspection Report (To be completed after submission of application)	--	0
Permit Fee payable to the City of Knoxville	0	0
Signed Indemnification Agreement <sup>2</sup>	0	0
Acknowledgement of Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMP) <sup>3</sup>	0	0
Color Photo of Vehicle	0	0

<sup>1</sup> Specific insurance requirements can be found on the following page.

<sup>2</sup> The Indemnification Agreement is enclosed in this Application packet and must be signed prior to submitting the Application.

<sup>3</sup> The Stormwater BMP is enclosed in this Application packet. By submitting the Application, you are acknowledging that you have reviewed and will comply with the BMP.

**Office Use Only**

Date of Receipt of Application:

Permit Number:

Issue Date:

# **Agreement of Indemnity For Operation of a Mobile Food Unit**

The Mobile Food Vendor operating under the City of Knoxville’s Mobile Food Unit Ordinance, \_\_\_\_\_ (“the Vendor”), agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City of Knoxville (“the City”), its officers, employees and agents from and against any and all lawsuits, claims, liabilities, damages, losses, and expenses (including, but not limited to, court costs, reasonable attorney fees, and costs of claim processing, investigation, and litigation) for losses caused in whole or in part by the negligent acts, errors, or omissions of the Vendor in performance of its operations or from the Vendor’s failure to perform its operations using a due and reasonable standard of professional care and skill (“Indemnified Claim”), except where such injury, damage, or loss was caused by the sole negligence of the City, its agents or employees. The amount and type of insurance coverage requirements set forth by the City for Mobile Food Units will in no way be construed as limiting the scope of the indemnity in this section.

The Vendor agrees to assume and take over the defense of the City in any such claim, demand, suit, or cause of action involving an Indemnified Claim upon written notice and demand for same by the City. The Vendor will have the right to defend the City with counsel of its choice that is satisfactory to the City, and the City will provide reasonable cooperation in the defense as the Vendor may request. The Vendor will not consent to the entry of any judgment or enter into any settlement with respect to an Indemnified Claim without the prior written consent of the City, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed. The City shall have the right to participate in the defense against an Indemnified Claim with counsel of its choice at its own expense.

The Vendor shall save, indemnify, and hold City harmless and pay judgments that shall be rendered in any such actions, suits, claims or demands against City with respect to any Indemnified Claim.

The indemnification and hold harmless provisions required by this agreement shall survive termination or expiration of any Permit issued to the Vendor.

Signed on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ .

**Printed Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature**

By signing your name to this Agreement, you are binding the Mobile Food Vendor listed above and you represent that you have the authority to enter into this Agreement.

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## Fire Department Inspection Report

A Knoxville Fire Department inspection must be conducted and passed before any MFU may operate within the City of Knoxville. Inspections are scheduled at the Coliseum at 9:00 am on the first and third Tuesday of every month. A representative from the City of Knoxville will contact you to arrange your required inspection. If you have questions about your inspection or the requirements of the Fire Department, please contact the Fire Marshal's Office at (865) 215-2283 or [kfdinspector@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:kfdinspector@knoxvilletn.gov). A copy of this form indicating approval by the Fire Marshal's Office shall be filed with the Plans Review and Inspections Department.

☐ **Fire Extinguisher**

All MFUs must be equipped with a fire extinguisher with a 2A:10B:C rating. MFUs that produce grease laden vapors (e.g., those units with deep fat fryers or flat top griddles) must be equipped with a Class K fire extinguisher. Depending on the number of fryers, more than one Class K fire extinguisher may be required. Any required fire extinguisher must be inspected and certified annually by a licensed company.

*Reference:* 2012 International Fire Code, Chapter 9, [Section 904](#).

☐ **Ventilation & Hood Suppression System**

MFUs that produce grease laden vapors (e.g., those units with deep fat fryers or flat top griddles) must have a Type I ventilation and hood suppression system installed over cooking equipment. Installation and maintenance of the system shall be performed by personnel with a valid mechanical/gas license. After installation, the Fire Marshal's Office will approve the hood system. After installation and approval, the system must be tested or serviced every 6 months.

*Reference:* 2012 International Fire Code, Chapter 6, [Section 609](#) and [Section 904](#).

☐ **Liquid Petroleum/Propane (LP) Cylinders**

All LP-gas cylinders shall be limited to 60 pounds. Two 30 pound cylinders may be manifold when equipment is approved by the City in advance. When the project requires a greater amount of LP-gas for a specific appliance, a 100 pound cylinder may be used when approved by the City in advance. All LP-gas containers, whether empty or full, shall be secured in an upright position in such a manner as not to fall over. All MFUs shall be positioned in a manner that will reduce the exposure of the LP-gas cylinder to vehicle impact. "No Smoking" signs approved by the Fire Marshal shall be visible near propane containers.

*Reference:* 2012 International Fire Code, [Chapter 61](#).

☐ **Liquid Petroleum/Propane (LP) Appliances**

On all LP-gas appliances, excluding LP-gas cylinders, an inspection sticker valid for 12 months must be displayed indicating that a licensed LP-gas company has inspected the equipment.

COMMENTS FROM FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE:

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## Electrical Inspection Report

A City of Knoxville Electrical inspection must be conducted and passed before any MFU may operate within the City of Knoxville. The requirements for MFUs pursuant to the National Electrical Code, the City of Knoxville Electrical Code, and other relevant codes are listed below. Inspections are scheduled at the Coliseum at 9:00 am on the first and third Tuesday of every month. A representative from the City of Knoxville will contact you to arrange your required inspection. If you have questions about your inspection or the requirements of the Electrical Code, please contact Greg Taylor at (865) 215-3285 or [gmtaylor@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:gmtaylor@knoxvilletn.gov). A copy of this form indicating approval by an Electrical Inspector shall be filed with the Plans Review and Inspections Department.

### □ **Electrical Supply**

All power cords must be continuous without splices or damaged insulation; taping is not permitted. All branch circuit wiring and cables must be concealed within walls or ceilings to prevent physical damage. Generators and transfer devices must be suitable for the environment and operate properly to prevent backfeeding. All panels, electrical equipment, and frames of generators and the MFU must be properly bonded to the equipment grounding system.

*Reference:* 2011 National Electrical Code Articles 250.90, 250.96, 300.4, 400.9, 445.10, 702.5

### □ **Appliances**

All appliances must have proper cords and attachment caps or other disconnecting means with correct size overcurrent protection. All 120 volt receptacles must be protected by ground-fault circuit interrupters.

*Reference:* 2011 National Electrical Code Articles 210.8(B), 408.36, 422.11

### □ **Health Department Regulations**

Any exposed conduits in food prep areas must be washable with smooth surfaces and wet location type fittings. All lamps shall be suitably shielded, coated or otherwise shatter-resistant.

*Reference:* FDA Food Code 2013  
6-101.11, 6-202.11

### □ **City of Knoxville Requirements**

All electrical appliances, devices or other equipment used shall be listed by a nationally recognized testing lab. (e.g. UL, ETL, CSA, etc.) All electrical equipment under exhaust hood, including any hood lighting, shall shut off upon activation of the fire suppression system.

*Reference:* City of Knoxville Electrical Code Sections 10-35, 10-56(m)

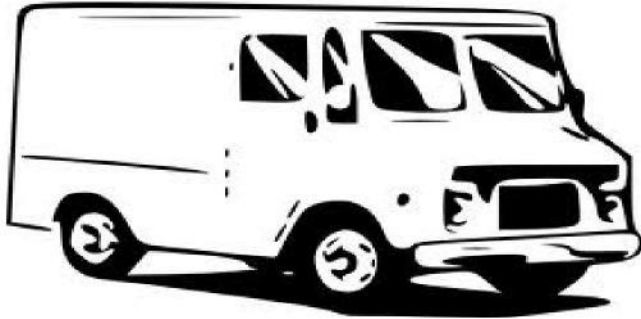
COMMENTS FROM ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR:

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		Targeted Constituents		
<input type="checkbox"/> Significant Benefit	<input type="checkbox"/> Partial Benefit	<input type="checkbox"/> Low or Unknown Benefit		
<input type="checkbox"/> Sediment	<input type="checkbox"/> Heavy Metals	<input type="checkbox"/> Floatable Materials	<input type="checkbox"/> Oxygen Demanding Substances	
<input type="checkbox"/> Nutrients	<input type="checkbox"/> Toxic Materials	<input type="checkbox"/> Oil & Grease	<input type="checkbox"/> Bacteria & Viruses	<input type="checkbox"/> Construction Wastes

**Description** Prevent or reduce the discharge of pollutants to storm drainage systems and to natural streams from mobile businesses that provide food services. Food and food byproducts damage natural streams and aquatic life by promoting harmful pathogens and depleting dissolved oxygen.

**General Considerations** The City of Knoxville has separate sanitary sewer systems and storm drainage systems. Storm drains located outdoors are intended to convey rainwater runoff directly to the nearest stream to prevent ponding and flooding. Any spills, leaks, or discharges to the storm drainage system will enter the natural stream without treatment. Commissaries will require a Special Pollution Abatement Permit prior to construction.

- Recommended BMP's**
- Discharge all wastewater to an approved restaurant, commissary, or RV dump site that can accept and discharge wastewater to the sanitary sewer.
  - Inspect all water and wastewater plumbing connections on a daily basis.
  - Clean floor mats and equipment in an area that drains to the sanitary sewer.
  - Exterior washing of catering vehicles shall be conducted only at a commercial car wash or approved commissary.
  - Store all used cooking oil in appropriate containers inside the vehicle.
  - Have a complete emergency spill response kit on vehicle. The kit must include; absorbents e.g. pads, booms, kitty litter, a secondary containment vessel or pan, and an absorbent sock large enough to cover the opening to the closest stormdrain inlet.
  - Educate all employees on potential dangers to storm drain and the environment from spills and leaks. Train employees in spill prevention and cleanup procedures for the area surrounding the food truck.
  - Please remove all trash from setup site daily and dispose of it properly.
  - Report spills and illegal dumping to the storm drains or local waterways to the Water Quality Hotline at (865) 215-4147 or 311.

**Related BMPs** The following list of BMPs are also helpful for mobile food handling services and businesses: AM-01 Employee Training

- IC-01 Non-Stormwater Discharges to Storm Drain
- IC-07 Food Service and Handling
- IC-08 Power or Pressure Washing
- IC-11 Kitchen Exhaust Cleaning

**References** 31, 33, 34, 35, 99, 103, 138, 193, 197 (see BMP Manual Chapter 10 for list)