



## Lexington-Fayette County Health Department

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### Guidelines for Mobile Food Units

- We offer two types of permits for mobiles:
  - State Mobile
  - State Mobile Retail
  
- Requirements for a **State Mobile (605)**:
  - Yearly permit fee of \$160; inspected at least twice a year in county where it was permitted.
  - All mobile units must register with LFCHD and pay a \$25 registration fee for each location where they are going to be set-up at least 48-hours prior to opening. Or the mobile unit may pay a one-time annual fee of \$100 and notify LFCHD of their operating location 48-hours prior to opening.
  - People working in mobile unit shall have a valid Food Handler Card.
  - Mobile unit must be enclosed and in good repair.
  - All doors and screens shall be in good repair.
  - Lights must be shielded.
  - Mobile unit is required to have the following fixed plumbing, and is to be inspected by the State Plumbers Office:
    - Hand sink (splash guards required if adjacent to other sink basins)
      - With soap and paper towels
    - Three compartment sink
      - With sanitizer and test strips
    - Potable water tank (**NSF Certified**)
    - Waste retention tank that is 50% larger than potable water tank
    - Hot and cold running water under pressure
    - Toilet facilities are to be available near area of operation
  - After passing the State Plumber's inspection (received green sticker) all mobile food units will schedule their Fire Marshal / Food Establishment Inspection within 48-hours
  - All food preparation and cooking must be done within the mobile unit (with the exception of grills and smokers ONLY).
  - Must have metal stem thermometer available.
  - Mobile unit must be able to maintain proper hot (above 135°F) and cold (below 41°F) holding temperatures.
  - Have to abide by the 2 week/30 day rule: Can stay at an address for 2 weeks, and then once those 2 weeks are up, must vacate that address for a minimum of 30 days.

- Requirements for a **State Mobile Retail (610)**:
  - Yearly permit fee of \$50 for the mobile unit; inspected once a year.
  - Yearly permit fee of \$100 for the commissary (if needed); inspected once a year.
  - Mobile unit must be associated with a commissary if workers are packaging food products.
    - A mobile unit can use any permitted establishment as its commissary. The establishment will also need to be permitted for commissary use as well.
    - If selling commercially pre-packaged food products, then mobile unit will not need to work out of a commissary.
  - At the commissary, the mobile operator must keep their food stored completely separate from the establishment's food.
    - They can either use separate coolers and freezers that are properly labeled OR if there is enough space in the walk-in, they can keep their food in a separate area that is clearly labeled for the operator of the mobile unit.
  - Within the commissary, the mobile may share any other equipment and utensils with the establishment.
  - All food served from mobile unit must be prepared and packaged at their commissary, unless serving commercially pre-packaged items. Mobile unit can only sell pre-packaged food and drink items.
  - Mobile unit must be able to maintain proper hot (above 135°F) and cold (below 41°F) holding temperatures.