



## MOBILE FOOD VENDOR PERMIT APPLICATION

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This application pertains to planning and zoning requirements only. It is the responsibility of the applicant to verify that their mobile food unit is in compliance with all other applicable governmental agencies, including but not limited to, the **Johnston County Dept. of Environmental Health (919-989-5180)** and the **North Carolina Dept. of Agricultural and Consumer Services (919-707-3231)**. Upon approval, this permit is in effect for one (1) full calendar year. It will be the responsibility of the applicant to renew this permit annually to operate within the Town of Benson.

**Please review the Mobile Food Vendor Standards attached to this application.**

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Food Truck: ☐ Food Trailer: ☐ Food Cart: ☐

Business Owner(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Business Owner's Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Means of Disposal for Liquid Waste and Grease: \_\_\_\_\_

## COMMISSARY INFORMATION

Commissary Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Commissary Owners: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct and that I am aware of the standards and requirements governing Mobile Food Vendors as stated and that I will comply with all applicable regulations.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant (print & sign)\_\_\_\_\_  
Date**STAFF USE ONLY**

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Reviewed: \_\_\_\_\_

Request:      APPROVED      DENIED      Staff Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

PERMIT EFFECTIVE DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ PERMIT EXPIRATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE INCLUDE THE \$50.00 PERMIT FEE, A COPY OF YOUR COUNTY'S FOOD ESTABLISHMENT PERMIT AND/OR YOUR MOST RECENT INSPECTION GRADE AND THE FIRE INSPECTION FORM WITH YOUR MOBILE FOOD VENDOR PERMIT APPLICATION.**

# **Mobile Food Vendor Definition and Standards**

## **LOCATIONS**

Mobile food vendors shall be permitted to operate in any commercially- or industrially-zoned areas, so long as they obtain property owners' permission.

Mobile food vendors shall be permitted to operate in public parks, but must first be verified by and receive permission from the Parks Administrator, or equivalent staff member.

Mobile food vendors may also operate in residentially-zoned areas, but only within areas designated as common open space and having a community-oriented use, and owned by a property management group, a homeowners' association, or other responsible organization, and with that organization's permission.

Mobile food vendor operation is permitted on private residential property for single day events such as catering for a private party as long as the food is not being sold to the general public.

Mobile food vendor operations on undeveloped or vacant land in commercially zoned areas may be considered the principal use for the property and are permitted so long as they obtain property owners' permission.

Mobile food vendors may not locate within any on-street parking along an NCDOT maintained street, unless during a Town of Benson sanctioned event.

## **STANDARDS**

A Mobile Food Vendor Permit, issued by the Planning Department is required for the operation of any mobile food vendor within the Town of Benson. The approved permit must be on posted in public view while operating within the Town.

The Mobile Food Vendor Permit shall be valid for one (1) full calendar year from the date of issuance. Mobile food vendors shall renew their permit annually with the Planning Department.

Only one (1) mobile food vendor shall be permitted to operate on a particular parcel at any one time, unless operating with a Temporary Use Permit. Multiple mobile food vendors shall also be permitted on a parcel as part of an official event sanctioned by the Town of Benson.

Mobile food vendors shall not impede or interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic flow, nor obstruct ingress/egress of a building as set forth in all applicable North Carolina State Building and Fire Codes.

Mobile food vendors shall be located at least 15 feet away from any fire hydrant.

Mobile food vendors shall not occupy any ADA handicap-accessible parking spaces.

Mobile food vendors are limited to daily hours of operation between 6AM and Midnight and are not permitted to remain on site overnight.

Adequate solid waste receptacles for customers' use must be provided; Mobile food vendors are responsible for the removal and disposal of trash as a result of their operation.

No liquid waste or grease shall be disposed of onto sidewalks, streets, or other public places. Grease shall not be released into public sewers or stormwater drains. All waste must be properly disposed of in approved containers and locations.

No signage shall be allowed other than signs permanently attached to the motor vehicle. An easel sign no more than 12 square feet may be placed within the customer waiting area.

If applicable, mobile food vendors must obtain a valid food establishment permit from any North Carolina County to operate. Upon receiving their first sanitation grade, their current sanitation grade must be displayed in public view at all times and supporting information from any North Carolina County must be in good standing and made available upon request.

Mobile food vendors must have an independent electrical source (generator, etc.) to support equipment containing hot or cold food, and to maintain hot water for proper food handling and sanitation.

The suspension, expiration, or revocation of approvals and permits associated with any North Carolina County's Environmental Health Department will render the Mobile Food Vendor Permit void.

Mobile food vendors must comply with all applicable Environmental Health regulations set forth by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, specifically § 15A NCAC 18A .2670 of NCDHHS's Rules Governing the Food Protection and Sanitation of Food Establishments.