Mobile Food Vending Regulation in New York City



Division of Environmental Health Bureau of Food Safety and Community Sanitation











Mobile Food Vending Inspection Program

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Mobile Food Vending Inspection Program

- Permits and inspects
 - Mobile Food Vending Units
 - Mobile Food Vending Commissaries;
 Alternate Approved Facilities
- Letter Grading
- Investigates complaints
- Coordinates Inter-Agency Mobile Food Vending Enforcement Initiatives
- Represents the Department at Enforcement Hearings





Mobile Food Vending Overview

- Regulates and licenses mobile food vending units and vendors
 - ~ 18,000 food licensed food vendors
 - ~ 4900 units (carts and trucks) with permits currently
- Enforces State, City regulations
 - Routine (letter grading) and complaint-based inspections
 - 25 Field Inspectors, 11 supervisors
- Health Academy provides training, education on safe food handling
 - 8 hour course, Test given in multiple languages



Mobile Food Vending Regulations

- New York City Administrative Code
 - Title 17, Chapter 3, Subchapter 2
- Rules and Regulations of the City of New York
 - Title 24, Chapter 6
- New York City Health Code
 - Articles 89 and 81
- New York State Sanitary Code
 - Subparts 14-1 and 14-4



Special Placement Regulations

- Certain streets are restricted to vending
 - Mid-town Manhattan & outer boroughs at certain times
 - World Trade Center zone
- Vending Units must:
 - Obey all Vehicle and Traffic regulations
 - Be on sidewalk at least 12 feet wide
 - Abut the curb
 - Be at least 10 feet from a crosswalk, driveway or subway entrance/exit
 - Be at least 20 feet from a building entrance
 - Not be in a bus stop



What is MOBILE FOOD VENDING?

NYC Health Code Section 89.03(g)

Mobile Food Vending shall mean setting up to sell, and preparing, storing, holding and selling food, or distributing food free of charge, to the public from a mobile food vending unit.



What is a MOBILE FOOD VENDING UNIT?

NYC Health Code Section 89.03(h)

Mobile Food Vending Unit shall mean a food service establishment as defined in Article 81 of this Code located in a pushcart or vehicle, self or otherwise propelled, used to store, prepare, display, serve or sell food, or distribute food free of charge to the public, for consumption in a place other than in or on the unit. Any such pushcart or vehicle shall be deemed a mobile food vending unit whether operated indoors or outdoors, on public, private or restricted space. A mobile food vending unit shall not mean a stand or a booth.



Who is a MOBILE FOOD VENDOR?



• NYC Health Code Section 89.039(i)

Mobile food vendor shall mean a person who sells or offers for sale food, or distributes food free of charge, from a mobile food vending unit in any public, private or restricted space.



Basic Requirements to Vend Food Legally

To vend food legally a person needs the following:



Food Vendor License



Mobile Food Vending Unit



Permit-Decal



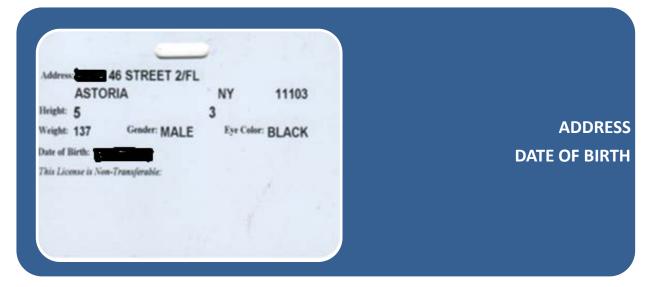
Permit Paper



Mobile Food Vendor License



NAME
RECORD/CAMIS NUMBER
ISSUE AND EXPIRATION DATE
SIGNATURE
PICTURE



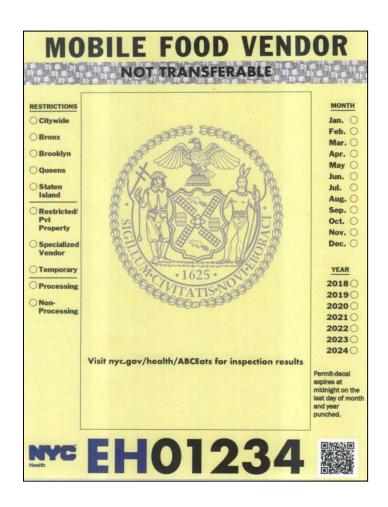


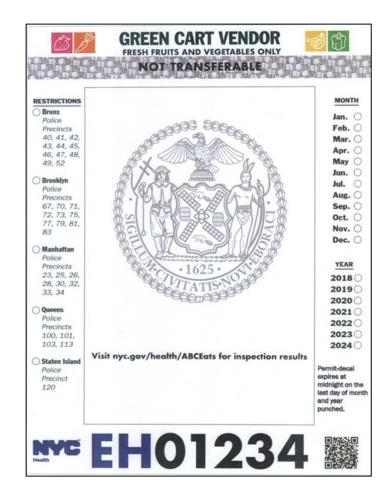
Old Permit-Decals





New Letter Grade Permit-Decals

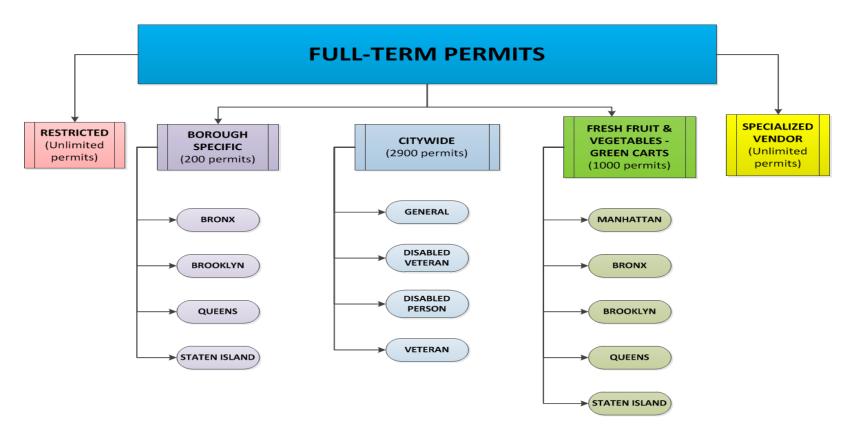




Permit Types

Full-Term permits are valid for two years and there are 5 types.

Temporary permits are valid from April 1st - October 31st each year.

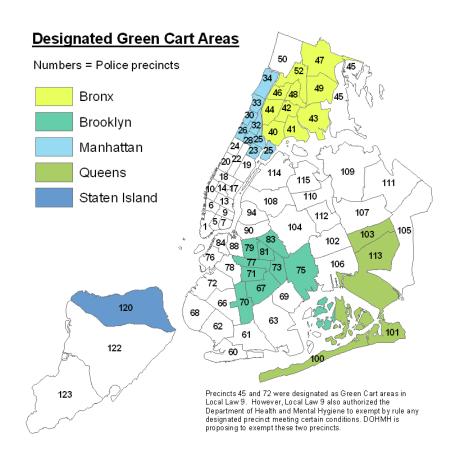




TEMPORARY (SEASONAL) PERMITS (1000 permits)

Green Cart Permits

- Special full-term permits to sell whole fruits and vegetables only in certain areas throughout the five boroughs.
- Vending is restricted specific police precincts in each borough and permittees are given a map for their borough.
- Each cart is issued a "Green Cart" umbrella.
- Vendors are required to display the umbrella and have the map in their possession while vending.





MFV License & Permit Application Process

Food Protection Certificate

Obtain Mobile
Vending Food
Protection Course
Certification

 Prospective License
 Applicant must pass the course for license to be approved Submit Mobile Food
Vendor License
Application to Citywide
Licensing Center

License Applicant must provide:

- Valid Government issued photo identification
- New York State Certificate of Authority to Collect Sales Tax
- Proof of Social Security Number or Individual Tax Identification Number
- Affidavit of Home Address
- Environmental Control Board Violation Clearance

Mobile Food Vending Waitlist

Permit Waitlist

- Vendor name is placed on to permit waitlist via lottery when waitlist is created
- Vendor name is selected off of waitlist when permit is available

EXCEPTION:

There is no
Waitlist for
Restricted Area
Permit
Applicants and
Specialized
Vendor Permit
Applicants

Permit

Submit Mobile Food Vending Permit Application to Citywide Licensing Center

- Valid Government issued photo identification
- New York State Certificate of Authority to Collect Sales Tax
- Proof of Social Security Number, Individual Tax Identification Number or Incorporation
- Affidavit of Home Address
- Environmental Control Board Violation Clearance
- Proof of Workers' Compensation & Disability Coverage
- Authorized Vendor List form
- Proof of Not-for-Profit status (if applicable)

Inspection

Schedule and Pass a Prepermit Inspection Approval

Permit
Approved &
Decal affixed on
Mobile Food
Vending Unit

Permit Applicant must:

- Schedule an appointment by telephone using the Department's IVR Pre-permit Inspection Appointment Scheduling System
- Present a mobile food vending unit for inspection in person
- Provide current, valid Mobile Food Vendor License
- Provide proof of Commissary service

