Mobile Food Vending Units



Mobile Food Vending Unit Class

Mobile food vending units are further broken down into 5 classes. These classes are based upon the type of operation (processing or non), food sold and whether or not food is prepackaged. Classes A and B are considered processing while C,D and E are non processing.

CLASSES OF MOBILE FOOD VENDING UNITS				
PROCESSING		NON PROCESSING		
CLASS A	CLASS B	CLASS C	CLASS D	CLASS E
Prepare and process raw potentially hazardous foods, e.g., grilled or fried meats, eggs and poultry.	manufactured or pre-	hazardous foods requiring	Serve only non- potentially hazardous packaged or unpackaged foods that do not require temperature control for safety, e.g., brewed coffee and tea, donuts, soft pretzels, boiled frankfurters and other sausages	Green carts that sell only non-potentially hazardous unprocessed whole fruits and vegetables.



CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENT FOR MOBILE FOOD VENDING UNITS



Before receiving a permit decal, mobile food vending units must first undergo a pre permit inspection at a DOHMH facility. Mobile food vending units must satisfy guidelines set fourth in Chapter 6 of Title 24 of 24RCNY and other city and state Health code guidelines.

As per 6-04, Mobile food vending units must be constructed and equipped so that they may be maintained and operated in a clean and sanitary manner, in accordance with all applicable law, so as to protect foods from contamination by dust, dirt and toxic and other substances, and the public from risk of injury.

CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

All Equipment and non-food contact surfaces should be:

- Easily cleanable
- Durable
- Smooth
- Non-porous
- Non-absorbent
- Non-reactive
- Non-toxic







Food contact surfaces:

- Should be constructed of easily cleanable, non-toxic commercial food grade materials.
- Cooking surfaces should also be placed and configured so as to minimize the risks of food contamination and injury to patrons, vendors and the public.









CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

Special Requirements

- Permittees must consult with FDNY for guidelines regulating cooking equipment design, Liquefied Petroleum Gas container sizes, storage and placement
- Carts allowed two 20 lb. tanks
- Vehicles allowed up to two 100 lb. tanks
- Vehicles a partition separating the cab and food areas
- Ice Cream Trucks audible alarm when backing up; a retractable/swinging arm STOP sign



Inspections and Enforcement

- Assignments are routed weekly
 - Specific inspection areas
 - Complaints
 - High priority inspections
 - Inter-agency taskforces
- Permittees are responsible for all violations
- Notices of Violations may result in fines
- "A" violations
 - All Health Code and certain Administrative Code violations
 - Must be paid in order to renew permit

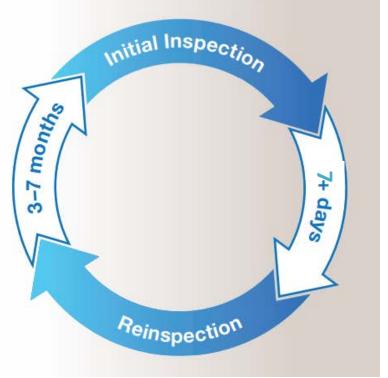


The Inspection Cycle

Initial Inspection Score: 0-13 Points



Initial Inspection Score: 14+ Points



Letter Grading

Letter grade based on inspection score



0 - 13 points

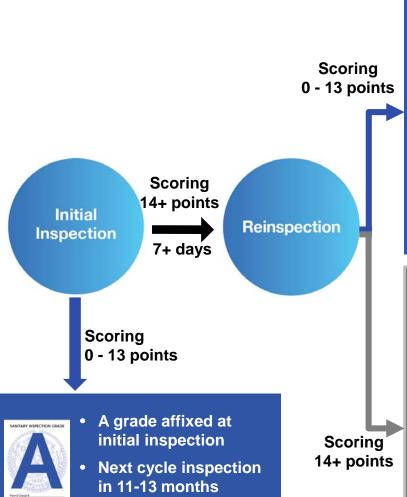


14 - 27 points



28 or more points

The Letter Grading Process



No summonses/fines

for scored violations



- A grade affixed at reinspection
- No summonses/fines for scored violations
- Next cycle inspection in:
 - 5 7 months initial score is
 14 27 points
 - 3 5 months initial score is 28+ points



- Grade Pending affixed at reinspection until adjudication or interim grade requested
- Summonses issued
- Next cycle inspection in:
- 5 7 months higher score is
 14 27 points
- 3 5 months higher score is 28+ points

Unit reports to Health Department facility and inspector affixes grade



Unit schedules
appointment to go to
Health Department facility



General Operational Inspection

- Valid permit decal with permit paper
- Valid food vendor's license (displayed) with permit paper
- Appropriate vending location
- Hair restraint
- Vendors personal hygiene adequate
- Hand wash sink provided and maintained with water, soap and paper towels
- Authorized food items sold
- Proof of food source provided
- Commissary information provided
- Appropriately scaled metal stem type or similar thermometer
- Proper food temperatures
- Food protected from potential contamination
- Vending unit adequately maintained
- Propane tank(s) secured
- Adequate ventilation
- Secured fire extinguisher
- Cart dimensions correct
- Food preparation area separated from cab by partition vehicles only





Violations

- Permittees are responsible for all violations
- Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings
 - Adjudicates Notices of Violation (summonses) issued to permittees
 - Notices of Violations may result in fines
- "A" violations
 - All Health Code and certain Administrative Code violations
 - Must be paid in order to renew permit
- Penalties
 - Multiple Offense Schedule for some Administrative Code violations
 - Penalties increase with violation frequency
 - Health Code violations have set penalties
 - Maximum penalty = \$2000 (for default)



Mobile Food Vending Commissary

 All mobile food vending units must be stored and serviced at a facility acceptable to the Department

Commissary

- ~ 90 currently permitted
- Needs separate enclosed wash room for cleaning MV units

Alternate Approved Facility

- Allowed with Department approval
- Can only clean and store five Class C, D and E carts or one vehicle

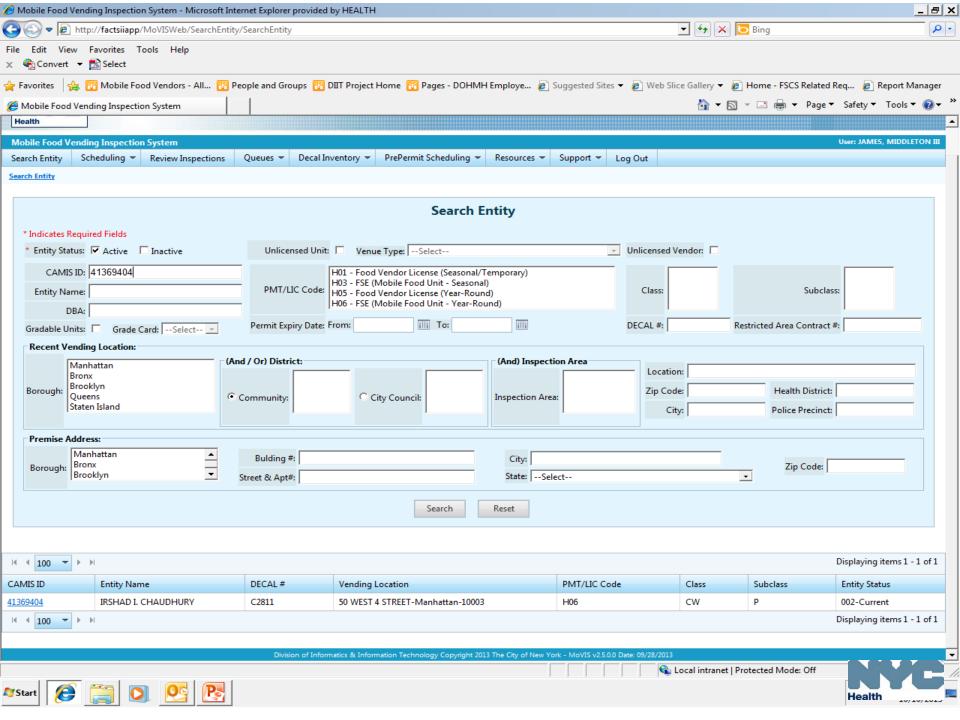


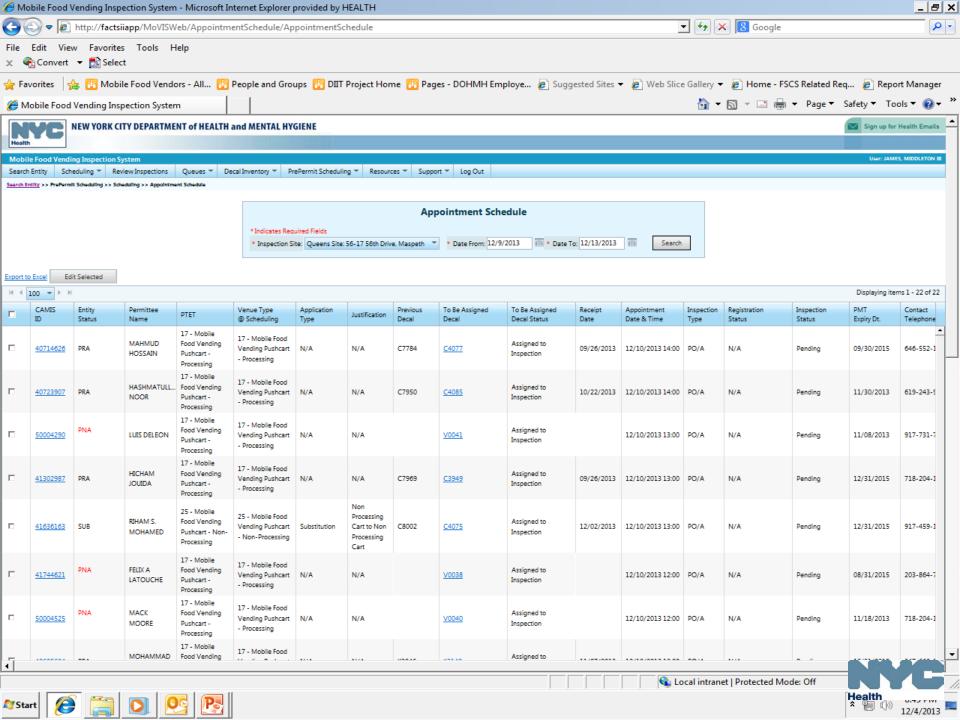
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Mobile Vending Inspection System

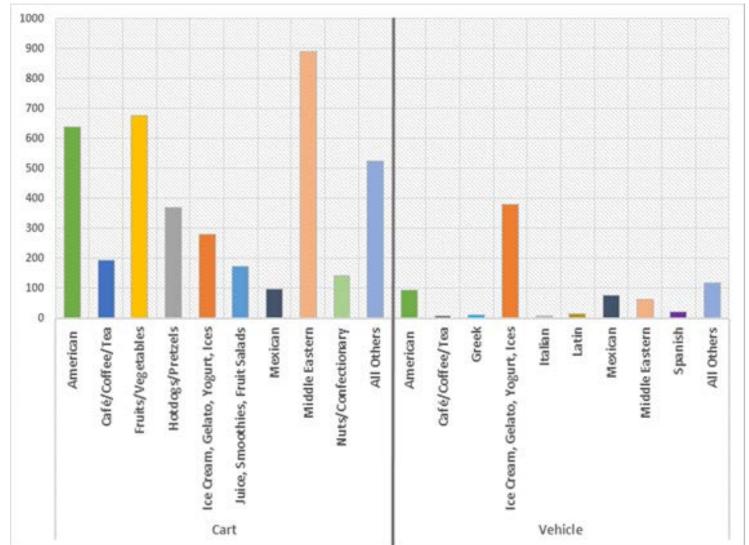
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Cuisine Type: Food Carts & Trucks





Website Resources

- New York City Mobile Vending Regulations
 - New York City Administrative Code Title 17
 - Rules and Regulations of the City of New York Title 24, Chapter 3, Subchapter 2
 - New York City Health Code Articles 89 and 81

http://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/about/about-doh/health-code-and-rules.page

- New York State Sanitary Code Subparts 14-1 and 14-4 https://regs.health.ny.gov/content/part-14-food-service-establishments
- NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Mobile Food Vending Webpage http://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/business/food-operators/mobile-and-temporary-food-vendors.page
- Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings (OATH)
 https://www1.nyc.gov/site/oath/hearings/hearing-online.page
- OATH Penalty Schedules for Violations
 http://ldaclinic.law.columbia.edu/ecb/?q=node/20



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