



**SANDUSKY COUNTY
PUBLIC HEALTH**



MOBILE FOOD OPERATION

PLAN APPLICATION

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Welcome

This guide is intended to assist operators in starting a mobile food operation in Sandusky County.

THIS PACKET WILL HELP YOU:

- ◆ **UNDERSTAND OUR PROCESS AND TIMELINES**
- ◆ **DETERMINE WHEN PLANS NEED TO BE SUBMITTED**
- ◆ **KNOW WHO TO CONTACT & WHERE TO DIRECT QUESTIONS**

WHERE TO START

All new or altered facilities serving or selling food or beverages in Sandusky County must submit plans to SCPH before a license can be issued.

Plans will be reviewed by our Environmental Health Specialists who have 30 days from the submission date to approve or disapprove plans.

Office	Service	Contact
Sandusky County Public Health	Plan Review, Inspections, Food License	(419)-334-6377 info@scpublichealth.com
Fire Departments	Fire Safety Inspections	Lindsey - (419)-665-2321 Helena - (419)-638-2011 Gibsonburg - (419)-637-2160 Woodville - (419)-849-3232 Sandusky Township -(419)-355-8188 Fremont - (419)-332-4131 Ballville - (419)-332-0774 Clyde - (419)-547-8357 Green Springs - (419)-639-2222 Townsend Township - (419)-547-9747 Bellevue - (419)-483-2659
Ohio Department of Taxation	Vendor's License	(419)-334-6123 sanduskycountyauditor.us/vendors-license
Ohio Department of Agriculture	State Agency for Retail Food Establishments	ohioagriculture.gov
Ohio Department of Health	State Agency for Food Service Operations	614-466-1390

Types of Mobiles

Enclosed Concession Trailers and Food Trucks

Shall be equipped with mechanical refrigeration, a plumbing system, and sufficient storage space for multiple event dates. These units shall be equipped with screens on all doors, and shall have a small pass through window for service.

Push Carts

Can be operated with individual located inside or outside of unit, depending on type. These units have limited space and infrastructure. A commissary facility will be required for these units.

Teardown Units

A tear down unit is a portable structure that is built and torn down for each event. Must be designed with proper overhead covering and proper floor materials. Commercial mechanical refrigeration is required. A commercial three-compartment sink and hand sink are required with water storage capabilities and a mechanical hot water heater. Not all food menus can be accommodated in this format. *NOTE: See page six (6) for details on surface requirements.*

ALL TYPES OF MOBILE FOOD SERVICE UNITS ARE REQUIRED TO FOLLOW ALL REGULATIONS AS OUTLINED BY THE OHIO UNIFORM FOOD SAFETY CODE.

FOODS PREPARED IN HOME KITCHENS ARE UNAPPROVED. THESE FOODS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO BE SOLD, AND ARE SUBJECT TO EMBARGO OR DESTRUCTION ON SITE.

PLANNING

The unique needs of your business are based on your proposed menu. Ensure that you have the space and equipment to safely store, prepare, and serve your food menu items.

Equipment



Commercial-Grade Equipment All equipment used must be listed as commercial and certified by a recognized testing agency (e.g. NSF, ETL sanitation, UL sanitation). **The use of household equipment within mobile food service units is not permitted.**

Plumbing Fixtures

NOTE: Each sink can only be used for its designated purpose (hand washing -or- dishwashing -or- food prep).

Hand Washing Sink

- At least one (1) employee handwashing sink is required.
- Must be equipped with soap, disposable towels or hand dryers, and trash receptacle.
- Required to have signs reminding employees to wash hands with hot water that reaches at least 100°F.

Food Preparation Sink

A food preparation sink will be required if food is washed, rinsed, soaked, thawed, and/or cooled within a mobile food service unit.

Dishwashing Sink

- ♦ **Must have at least three (3) compartments for washing, rinsing, and sanitizing.**
- ♦ **Compartments must be large enough to submerge the largest item of equipment by at least half (50%).**
- ♦ **May have two (2) drainboards, one for collection of dirty dishes and the other for air drying clean dishes.**

NOTE: If drainboards are not supplied, a designated space to allow equipment to air dry must be provided. Towel drying is not permitted.

Sewage Holding Tank

Also called a “blue boy,” this is required for all sewage produced if a mobile food service unit is not directly connected to sanitary waste disposal while in operation.

- ♦ **Tank must be sized to hold fifteen percent (15%) greater fluid capacity than the water supply tank.**
- ♦ **Must be sloped to a drain that is at least one inch (1”) or twenty-five millimeters (25mm) in diameter.**
- ♦ **Must have a shut-off valve.**

NOTE: Sewage must be disposed of properly. Holding tanks shall not create a public health risk by spilling sewage.

Food-Grade Hoses

Direct water connections require food grade hoses. Green garden hoses are not permitted for water inlet lines to mobile units. Food grade hoses come in many colors, all of which are acceptable when properly marked as “food grade”, NSF or FDA certified by the manufacturer

Backflow Prevention Device

All directly-connected water lines shall have a proper backflow prevention device. Mobile food service units may use an ASSE 1012 or ASSE 1024 dual check backflow prevention device. All built-in backflow prevention devices shall be made visible for inspection and/or be clearly documented on mobile unit equipment specification sheets.

EQUIPMENT

Adequate Lighting

Lighting must be bright enough for safe working conditions and cleaning. General lighting intensity requirements are:

- **50 foot-candles – cooking areas, food prep areas, food service areas**
- **20 foot-candles – customer self-service, inside equipment (i.e. reach-in cooler), handwashing, dishwashing, utensil storage, restrooms**
- **10 foot-candles – walk-in coolers and freezers, dry storage, and other areas**
- **NOTE: When submitting mobile plans to SCPH for plan review, list: (1) Type and location of lighting fixtures (2) Description of plastic covers, shatterproof bulbs or shields to protect food and equipment**

Smooth & Cleanable Surfaces

All floors, walls and ceilings in the facility must be smooth and easily cleanable. Approved surfaces which are frequently used:

- **Floors: poured epoxy, various types of tile**
- **Walls: glossy painted drywall, stainless steel, Fiberglass Reinforced Panels(FRP)**
- **Ceilings: solid surface, smooth and easily cleanable**
- **Base coving: rubber, vinyl**

NOTE: Make sure plans include the type of floor and wall materials chosen.

Ventilation Hoods

A ventilation hood is required for a grill line or where any other cooking equipment is located. A ventilation hood requires a fire inspection. Contact the local fire jurisdiction for hood requirements.

See page 3 for contact information about ventilation requirements.

Fire Suppression System

If a ventilation hood is required for grease production (due to fryers, grill, etc.), a Type I Hood with fire suppression is required. If a hood is required for heat, condensation or gas only, a Type II Hood may be allowed. Verify the type required through the local fire department in your jurisdiction.

STORAGE

Dry Goods Storage

- **Ensure adequate space for storage of dishes, food and equipment.**
- **All food and single-service items (e.g. 'to-go' containers) must be stored at least 6" off the floor on storage shelving.**
- **Be sure to include food grade shelving; unsealed wooden shelves are not allowed.**

NOTE: Trash cans and other such non-food grade containers cannot be used for food storage. Large bins of bulk items (e.g. rice, flour) must be made of food grade material and labeled

Cold Storage

All TCS (Time/Temperature Control for Safety) foods are required to be maintained at 41°F or below at all times. TCS foods that require cooling may require additional steps prior to placing into refrigeration or freezing units.

Chemical Storage

In order to prevent contamination, chemicals must always be stored below and/or away from food, equipment and utensils (including dishwashing sinks).

Employee Personal Storage

Items such as coats, backpacks, cell phones, open drinks, and cigarettes/vaporizers cannot be located in or above food prep or storage areas. Please ensure all beverages include both a lid and a straw if used in food preparation areas.

Facility Self Checklist

Facilities

- Do you have enough hot water capacity for peak times of business?*
- Does your wastewater tank hold fifteen percent (15%) more than your potable water tank?*
- Do you have enough storage space needed for all purposes?*
- Are floors, walls, and ceilings constructed of smooth and easily cleanable material?*
 - If direct-connecting to water on site, do you have a dual-check backflow prevention device?*

Equipment

- Do you have enough space in commercial coolers and freezers?*
 - Can you prevent overstocking and allow for required air circulation?*
 - How will you keep hot foods hot?*
 - How will you keep cold foods cold?*
- Do you have dedicated thermometers for food, coolers, and hot holding equipment?*

Services

- Who will provide foods, and are all from approved sources?*
- Who will provide your waste pickup?*
- Who will provide certified pest control?*
 - Who will maintain your hood system and/or fire suppression system?*
- Who will provide regular maintenance and/or deep cleaning?*

Processes

- What will be your process for date marking ready-to-eat foods?*
- What will you use to avoid bare hand contact with ready-to-eat foods?*
- Do you have enough commercial cooler space to allow for thawing?*
- Do you have enough commercial cooler or freezer space to allow for proper cooling, and do you have shallow pans, ice wands, or other necessary tools?*
- Will you keep cooling temperature logs? Who will be responsible?*

Employee Training

- How will you train your employees in food safety?*
- Will you require a Level 1 Food Handler class for each person working in your mobile unit?*
- Who will you designate as your Person-in-Charge (PIC)?*
- Will the designated PIC become certified as a Level 2 Food Protection Manager?*
- Will you designate separate roles for food handling and money handling?*

Design for Cleaning

There are several things you can do to make cleaning simple and limit the amount of future maintenance required.

- **Consider stainless steel on walls at the grill line, and behind and around any grease-producing equipment.**
- **Consider placing large equipment on casters, so it may be moved easily, as this makes it easier to clean behind and between equipment.**
- **Seal any cracks, crevices, or rough/absorbent areas to ensure all surfaces can be easily and effectively cleaned.**

Mobile Identification

Mobiles shall visibly display the following information on the outside of the unit:

- **Name of operation**
- **Telephone number (including area code)**
- **City of origin**

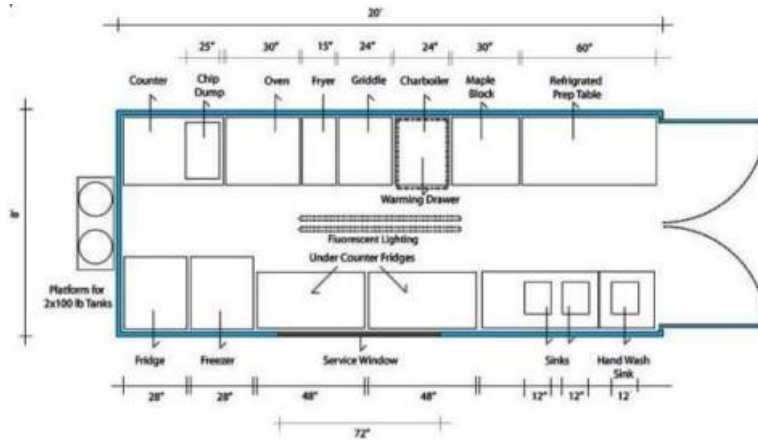
NOTE: Lettering must measure no less than three inches (3") high by one inch (1") wide.

SCPH REQUIREMENTS

□ Submit plans 30 days prior to construction. Including:

- A complete set of floor plans
 - Showing total square footage used for the business, entrances/exits, walls, plumbing, lights, and location of all equipment required. The plan shall not be hand drawn.

Example:



- A complete plan review application
- A complete equipment list including all manufacturers and model numbers with specification sheets included for each item of equipment
- Interior Finishes (materials and surfaces used)
- Ventilation hoods
- ANSI-approved fire suppression systems over grease producing equipment
- Proposed menu
- Food processes
- Food protection training certificates if applicable
- Water Supply: Public or Private-may need approval from Ohio EPA, Division of Drinking and Ground Water
- Pre-licensing Inspection
- License Application with original signature & date of the applicant after plans have been submitted, approved and a pre-licensing inspection conducted
- Payment of appropriate mobile food license fee once inspected and approved

Submitting Plans

Plans may be submitted in person or via mail, and MUST include your full plan review application including the drawings and application to be entered into review.

Ensure documents appropriately describe their purpose.

**Sandusky County Public Health
2000 Countryside Drive
Fremont, Ohio 43420**

Payment

Can be made in person, via phone, U.S. Mail System:

**Sandusky County Public Health - Environmental Health
2000 Countryside Drive
Fremont, Ohio 43420
(419)-334-6373**

- **Cash**
- **Check (made out to Sandusky County Public Health)**
- **Credit cards (a 3% convenience fee will charged)**

Licensing

A new license is required when a change of ownership occurs and/or change of license status is known (change of menu, equipment or processes, etc.) Plans will need to be submitted in all cases.

We require a plan review application and new license when change of ownership occurs. Transferring of licenses is not permitted. Contact us if you have any questions or concerns about plan review or licensing.

Frequently Asked Questions

What will my license cost?

For the complete current license fee schedule, call us.

Can I park my mobile in the same spot every day?

No. The law requires that mobile FSO/RFE units be moved periodically.

Can I cater an event from my mobile?

Yes. As long as foods are processed and served on-site within the mobile unit. Contact us for more specific information.

What food processes am I permitted to perform inside my mobile unit?

All types of risk level activities that can be performed in a regular food service operation or retail food establishment are permissible when the person in charge demonstrates knowledge of food safety and the equipment is adequate and appropriate. All higher risk processes may be subject to our approval or license restriction, and must be approved in advance by the inspecting Environmental Health Specialist.

Space inside my mobile is limited. Can I travel with a freezer outside the mobile unit?

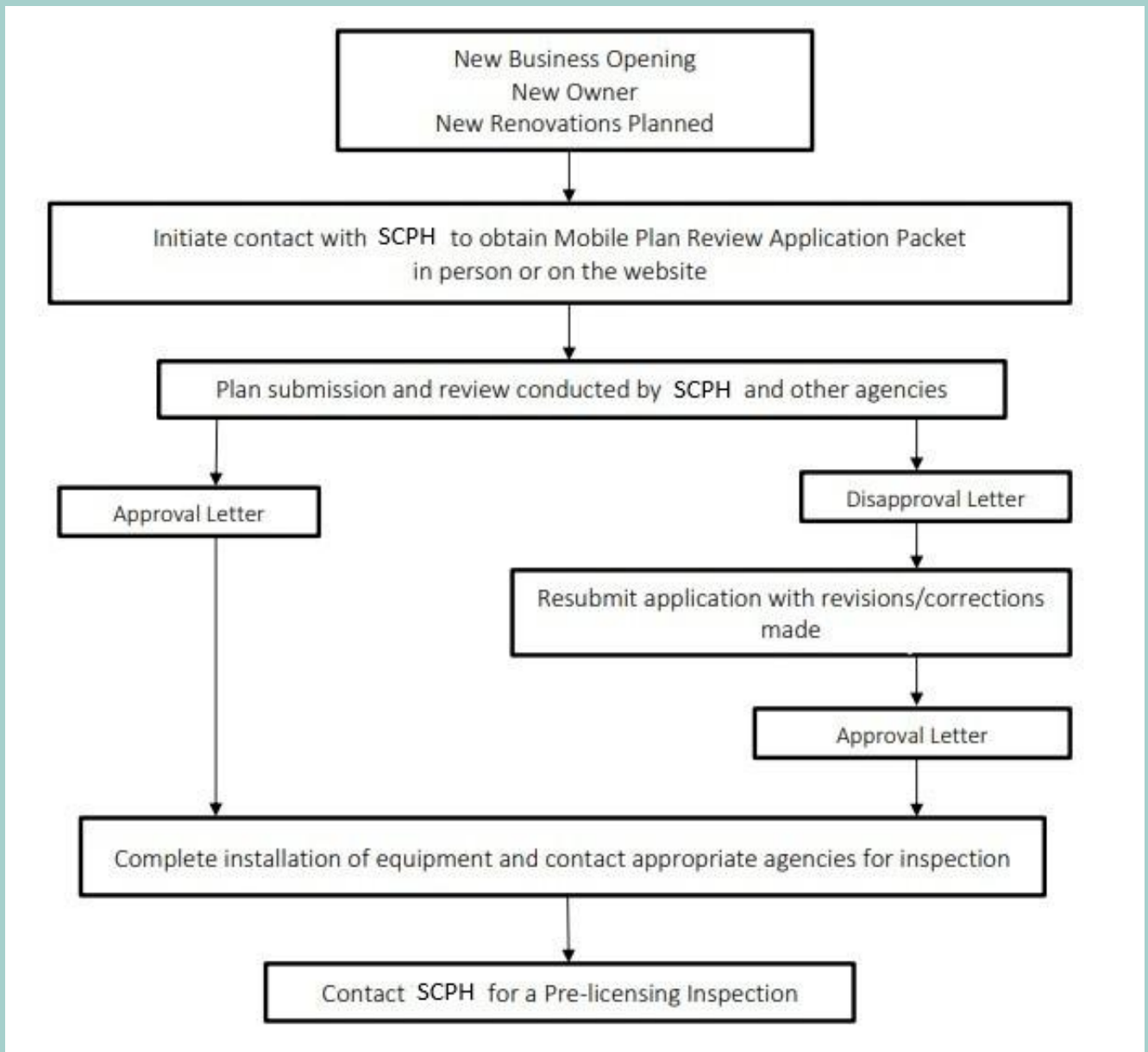
Yes. Conditions may be listed for storage surfaces, and inclusion of any external storage must be noted on the license. Ensure all equipment is certified commercial-grade.

Will I be able to cool and reheat leftovers in my mobile unit?

Yes, but it is not recommended. When space and equipment are sufficient to ensure food can be properly cooked, cooled, and reheated, all processes permitted in a conventional food facility can be performed inside a mobile unit. It is a good idea to talk to an Environmental Health Specialist in advance regarding specific processes as they apply to your business.

Have more questions? Ask an Environmental Health Specialist! See page 3.

Plan Review Process Flow Chart



After a pre-licensing inspection has been conducted with no alterations required, the final step is to submit a food license application and appropriate food license fee.

The remaining portion of this document must be submitted,
in its entirety, to
SCPH before licensing can occur.
Please remove and complete.

Plan Review Application

Facility Contact Information:

Date: _____

Food Facility Name:		
Address:	Phone:	
City:	State:	Zip:
Business E-mail:		

Owner Contact Information:

Name of Owner:		
Address:	Phone:	
City:	State:	Zip:
Owner E-mail:		
Contact for Plans:	Phone:	
Business Name:	Phone:	

For Office Use Only

FSO _____ RFE _____
Receipt # _____ HDIS _____ File Made _____
Logged _____ Email _____ File Pulled _____

Food Process Safety Questionnaire

Please answer all questions about your establishment, including equipment and food processes.

1. Describe how you will maintain temperatures of 135°F or above when hot holding.

2. Describe how frozen foods will be thawed (For example: refrigeration, microwave, as a part of the cooking process, etc.)

3. Are any menu items served undercooked or raw? If so, you must post a consumer advisory statement. Refer to Section 3717-1-3.5E (1-3) of the Ohio Revised Code for specific language.

- YES: _____
- NO

4. Method for storing food prior to the event:

- Food will be stored in mobile unit
- All food will be purchased from an approved source on the day of service use
- At a support commissary facility

5. Describe how you will wash fruits and vegetables before preparation. A food prep sink will be required in the mobile for produce washing. Or, will these products be received pre-washed and pre-cut?

6. Describe how you will protect ready-to-eat foods from bare hand contact.

- Gloves
- Tongs
- Deli Tissue
- Other: _____

17. Wastewater disposal method:

Direct connect to sanitary sewer at service site(s)

Blue boy/holding tank to be emptied at:

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

18. Do you have thermometers installed in each hot and cold holding unit (refrigerators, steam wells, etc.)?

YES

NO

19. Do you have enough thin-probe thermometers for taking food temperatures?

YES

NO

Type:

Dial Face

Digital

20. Hair Restraints/Beard Restraints:

Hat

Bandana

Hair net

Interior Finishes

- Use the following chart to denote all interior finishes.
- All surfaces must be smooth and easily cleanable.
- Contact us if you have concerns or questions regarding specific surfaces that are approved for use in a food establishment.

Floors	Walls	Ceilings	Coving
<i>Ex: Vinyl Tile</i>	<i>Ex: FRP</i>	<i>Ex: Vinyl</i>	<i>Ex: Rubber</i>

Equipment List

Equipment Name	Make	Model	Location
<i>Ex: Freezer</i>	<i>Ex: Cold Air Brands</i>	<i>Ex: CSFL5-6902</i>	<i>Ex: next to hand sink</i>

Statement of Plan Review Submission

By signing this statement, you agree that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of your knowledge.

Sandusky County Public Health does not recognize a grandfather clause on non-commercial facilities and/or equipment. Facilities that change ownership and/or remodel are required to bring the establishment up to current codes and standards in effect per OAC 3717-1-20(B).

I understand that incomplete plans may delay the plan approval process.

I am herein submitting:

Type of food operation

Proposed menu

Food processes

Total square footage of the operation

Materials and surface finishes used

Equipment list including all manufacturers and model numbers with specification sheets included for each item of equipment

Food protection training certificates if applicable

Submission of the above and a pre-licensing inspection

Water Supply: Public or Private-may need approval from Ohio EPA, Division of Drinking and Ground Water

A complete set of floor plans showing entrances/exits, walls, plumbing, lighting, and location of all equipment

License Application with original signature & date of the applicant after plans have been submitted, approved and a pre-licensing inspection conducted

Date:

Signature of Applicant(s):

