

Food Truck Policy Pilot Program

The existing Peddlers License, Ordinance 83C, will apply to all peddlers and any special event/ temporary food service licenses for special events, as required by the Mobile County Health Department.

From April 20, 2022 until October 31, 2022, the Town of Dauphin Island will suspend the peddlers license requirements relating to non-special event mobile food units (MFU's). The Town will enter into the MFU Pilot Program to serve as a feasibility study to provide the Town with real data to better determine if MFU's are an appropriate use in the community.

Definitions:

Temporary Food Service/ Special Event Permit- The MCHD defines Temporary food service units/ special event permits as those approved on location by the MCHD for recognized special events. The temporary permit holder may stay in the location for longer than one day.

Mobile Food Establishment/ Mobile Food Unit (MFU)- The MCHD defines MFU's as a unit mounted on or pulled by a self-propelled vehicle, self-contained with its own drinking water tank and waste-water tank unless handling only prepackaged foods, designed to be readily movable, and is moved daily to its commissary.

Pilot Program Overview

- The Pilot Program is from April 20, 2022 until October 31, 2022
- Push carts are not allowed to operate under this program.

Required Licenses and Permits

- MFU's must obtain a valid Mobile Food Service permit to operate from the Mobile County Health Department.
- MFU's must be registered with the Dept. of Motor Vehicles in which it is operating from and have a valid license plate affixed to the vehicle.
- MFU's must obtain a Town of Dauphin Island Business License and MFU Operating Permit prior to operating within the Town.

Location/Site Requirements

- MFU's are prohibited from operating on public property including rights-of-way unless approved as part of a permitted special event.
- MFU's may operate on privately owned and developed commercial property with a currently licensed and operating business, with property owner's permission.
- MFU's may not occupy a designated parking spot(s) if the business is to remain open while the MFU is operating.
- MFU's operating more than two hours per day must have access to a permanent public restroom facility, located on the same property. Portable restrooms not allowed.
- The maximum number of MFU's per parcel is: one (1) up to half an acre parcel and two (2) for any size parcel over half an acre.

Location/Site Requirements

- Private parcels must have an approved MFU site plan in order for MFU's to operate on the property.
- MFU's may operate from multiple parcels but may not remain in the same location for more than 24 hours.
- MFU's shall not locate within 100 feet of the primary building entrance of an existing restaurant unless the existing restaurant agrees in writing to reduce or waive this requirement.
- MFU's must comply with all applicable Federal, State, County and City safety codes.
- Copies of all required MCHD licenses and approved site plans must be kept on the MFU at all times.
- MFU's shall not use any outside sound amplifying equipment, lights, noisemakers, or similar devices to attract customers. MFU's may not serve customers within the right of way.
- MFU's shall not have any signage, other than that painted on, or flatly attached to, the unit and or vehicle.

Operational Requirements

- MFU's must provide waste containers with lids sufficient in size and number to collect all waste generated by their customers and staff.
- MFU's are limited to selling food and beverage items.
- MFU's must provide scaled site plans for all requested operating sites showing proposed location(s) of MFU operations, pedestrian circulation, and service area(s).
- MFU's must provide proof of all required MCHD licenses and vehicle registration.
- MFU Site Authorization letter from the private property owner granting permission to operate and use restrooms on-site.

- MFU's must provide Mobile County Business License, Alabama Department of Revenue business license and ADOR Sales Tax Number.
- MFU's must have a fire suppression system with a current 3rd party inspection.

Application Requirements & Permitting Fees

Business License (Gross receipts less than \$50,000.00) \$135.00

Mobile Food Unit Operating Permit \$100.00

Administrative Site Plan Review (per site) \$25.00

Enforcement

Whenever any provision of the Mobile Food Unit Pilot Program is being violated, the City shall notify the responsible party to remedy said violation within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt of violation notice. The failure, neglect, or refusal of the responsible party to remedy the violation shall cause the Town to suspend the permit.