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MOBILE FOOD UNIT REQUIREMENTS

All mobile food units must meet all the following requirements prior to permit approval by this Department.

- 1. All equipment provided must be in good repair and meet the standards required in 410 IAC 7-24 (or as amended). All new refrigeration units installed in mobile food units must be able to maintain internal food temperatures at 41°F or below. (The exemption for existing refrigeration equipment will be explained by the inspector.)
- 2. Each unit preparing/handling/selling open foods must be provided with either a 3-compartment sink or a mechanical ware washing machine capable of proper sanitization. Proper drain boards, utensil racks, or movable dish tables must be provided for storage of soiled and cleaned dishes.
- 3. A hand sink with hot and cold running water (as well as soap and paper towels) must be provided for adequate and accessible hand washing.
- 4. All floor, wall, ceiling, water tank, and food-contact surfaces must be constructed of materials that are smooth, durable, corrosion-resistant, easily cleanable and non-absorbent.
- 5. Accurate and properly located thermometers must be provided in each cold-holding (refrigeration/freezer) unit. A probe/stem thermometer must also be provided for monitoring internal food temperatures.
- 6. Adequate space/equipment/shelving must be provided for the storage of all food products, supplies and cleaning implements and chemicals.
- 7. Proper backflow/back-siphonage devices must be installed at the water source of the mobile unit if water is continuously supplied at any given time (by a hose, pipe, etc.). The device must be approved for continuous pressure and no cross-connections or potential sources of contamination will be allowed.
- 8. Any hoses used for conveying water to or from a mobile unit must be: (1) safe, durable, corrosion-resistant, non-absorbent, (2) resistant to pitting, chipping, scratching, scoring, distortion, (3) finished with a smooth interior surface, and (4) clearly and durably identified as to their use if not permanently attached (so as not to be mistakenly used for another purpose). In other words, the hose should be a food-grade hose. Furthermore, hoses used for waste may not be used for any other purpose.
- 9. A sewage (wastewater) holding tank must be fifteen percent (15%) larger in capacity than the water supply tank and must be sloped to a drain that is one (1) inch in inner diameter or greater, equipped with a shut-off valve.

- 10. All water must be obtained from an approved and potable source operated in accordance with the law. All plumbing codes must be always met.
- 11. A mobile water tank must be: (1) sloped to an outlet that allows complete drainage of the tank, (2) have an inlet that is 3/4" in inner diameter or less and provided with a hose connection that will prevent its use for any other service.
- 12. If provided, a water tank vent shall terminate in a downward direction and shall be covered with a proper screen and a protective filter when the vent is in an area that is not protected from windblown dirt and debris.
- 13. A cap and keeper chain, closed cabinet, closed storage tube, or other approved protective cover or device must be provided for a water inlet, outlet, and hose — to protect it from contamination and the entrance of unwanted debris.
- 14. Sewage and other liquid wastes must be removed at an approved waste servicing area or by a sewage transport vehicle in such a way that a public health hazard or nuisance is not created.

INDIANA CODE THAT RELATES TO MOBILE FOOD VENDORS

Indiana Administrative Code (IAC) under 410 IAC 7-24-79 defines a "retail food establishment" as "an operation that stores, prepares, packages, serves, vends, or otherwise provide food for human consumption. The term includes a delivery service or a mobile or temporary facility where consumption is on or off the premises and regardless of whether there is a charge for the food.

Indiana Administrative Code (IAC) 7-24-107 Prerequisite for operation of retail food establishment.

Indiana Administrative Code (IAC) 7-24-108 Access allowed at reasonable times after due notice.

Indiana Administrative Code (IAC) 7-24-109 Ceasing operations, reporting, and resumption of operations.

Indiana Administrative Code (IAC) 7-24-110 Requirement for facility and operating plans.

Indiana Administrative Code (IAC) 7-24-116 Preventing health hazards; provisions for conditions not addressed.

Indiana Administrative Code (IAC) 7-24-118 Demonstration of Knowledge.

Indiana Administrative Code (IAC) 7-24-119 Duties of person in-charge.

Indiana Administrative Code (IAC) 7-24-423 Private homes and living or sleeping quarters; use prohibited.

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Plan Review Form available at [Forms\(/isdh/21063.htm#forms\)](Forms(/isdh/21063.htm#forms))