

Mobile Food Vendors in Danville must apply for and receive a business license from the Commission of Revenue's Office. Multiple steps are required before the issuance of a permit. For additional information, please call the Commissioner of Revenue's Office at 434-799-5145 or visit their office, located at the Charles Harris Financial Services Center at 311 Memorial Drive.

Additional regulations from Danville City Code regarding mobile food vendors on public property can be found below.

Sec. 15-1. - Definitions.

For the purposes of this chapter, the following words and terms shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this section, unless clearly indicated to the contrary:

Food. The word "food" shall include all articles used by human beings for food, drink, confectionery or condiment, whether simple, mixed or compound, and all substances or ingredients used in the preparation thereof.

Food establishment. The term "food establishment" shall mean any place, except a private residence, in which articles of food or food products are manufactured, prepared, packed, stored, sold or distributed, and shall include hotels, inns, taverns, restaurants, lunch counters, bakeries, bake shops, delicatessens, dairies, creameries, cheese factories, fruit stands, groceries, markets, ice cream parlors, soda fountains, refreshment stands, confectioneries and all other places where food is handled or sold to the public at wholesale or retail and shall include places in which food is handled or prepared for sale elsewhere.

Mobile Food Vendor. The term "Mobile Food Vendor" shall mean a wheeled vehicle (excluding boats in the water) readily moveable from place to place at all times during operation and shall include, but not be limited to, pushcarts, trailers, trucks, or vans. The unit, all operations, and all equipment must be integral to and be within or attached to the unit.

Push cart. The term "Push Cart" shall mean a mobile food vendor that is designed to prepare and serve food from a cart located on a city sidewalk or on a city street.

Vending. The term "Vending" shall mean the sale of food, drink, ice cream or other frozen dessert to a retail customer by a mobile food vendor within the right-of-way of any public street, on the sidewalk of a public street, or on any public property in the city.

Secs. 15-28—15-34. - Reserved.

ARTICLE III. – MOBILE FOOD VENDING

Sec. 15-35. Exemptions from article.

The provisions of this article shall not apply to persons vending ice cream through residential neighborhoods or to mobile food vendors operating on private property.

Sec. 15-36. Parking vehicles overnight.

No mobile food vendor shall be permitted to park on any city street or sidewalk between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m.

Sec. 15-37. Locations of sales.

- (a) Mobile food vending, with the exception of ice cream trucks in residential areas, is restricted to locations within areas where restaurant operation is currently permitted by City zoning.
- (b) Mobile food vending shall not occur on any street or sidewalk within fifty (50) feet of the property boundary of a restaurant.
- (c) Whenever a mobile food vendor is stopped for the purpose of making sales, it shall not impede pedestrian or vehicle circulation or access and enjoyment of public amenities.
- (d) Whenever a mobile food vendor is stopped for the purpose of making sales on a city street, it shall be stopped at the right-hand curb of the street in a legal parking space, or if there is no curb, at the extreme right-hand edge of pavement in a legal parking space. At such stops, the vending vehicle's motor shall be cut off unless its operation is essential to producing the product sold.
- (e) Whenever a mobile food vendor is stopped for the purpose of making sales on a city street, it shall not take up more than one parking spot.
- (f) No sales shall be made from a mobile food vendor on any street where posted speed limits are in excess of twenty-five (25) miles per hour.
- (g) The vending site shall be configured to maintain sight distance and visibility of traffic signs and signals.
- (h) A vending site shall not block access to a manhole, transformer vault, or any device for access or ventilation, nor any fire hydrant.
- (i) Mobile food vending on property managed by the Department of Parks and Recreation shall require application and permission from the Director of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, for operation.

Sec. 15-38. Manner of making sales.

- (a) Mobile food vendors may not sell anything other than food and non-alcoholic beverages and items incidental to the product and its consumption.
- (b) No sales shall be made from any mobile food vendor to any person not standing on the sidewalk, or where no sidewalk has been installed, not standing off the paved roadway.
- (c) Vending transactions shall be limited to pedestrians; vending to any person in a motor vehicle is prohibited.
- (d) The mobile food vendor shall comply with any request of a police officer or other public safety personnel to move or cease vending in the case of an emergency.

Sec. 15-39. Use of noise-making devices restricted.

Mobile food vendors shall not play any music that is audible outside of the mobile food unit or push cart.

Sec. 15-40. Refuse and waste disposal.

- (a)** Each mobile food vendor shall be equipped with a trash receptacle for the disposal of wrappers, papers, containers and other trash. The operator of the mobile food unit or push cart shall ensure that no wrappers, papers, containers or the like have been left on the sidewalk or street.
- (b)** Mobile food vendors shall not cause any liquids to be discharged from the mobile food units.

Sec. 15-41. Authority.

The City Manager shall be authorized to promulgate additional rules, terms, or conditions applicable to mobile food vending.