

City of Bridgeport

Department of Health & Social Services Environmental Health

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New Itinerant Vendor

The City of Bridgeport Health Department, Environmental Health Division, requires following documents for new itinerant vendor:

Please provide the required documents noted below at the time of inspection. The license fee will be due at time of inspection as well.

- City of Bridgeport Fire Marshal Safety inspection for food trucks. The Fire Marshal's Office is located at 45 Lyon Terrace, Room 211, Bridgeport, CT 06604. 203-576-8013
- 2. Floor plan of the food truck (show the location of all equipment). (Optional)
- 3. Copy of menu or list of foods
- 4. Copy of Food Protection Manager Certificate (ServSafe Food Safety Manager) Copy of
- 5. Police Permit for City of Bridgeport, Police Department located at 300 Congress Street, Bridgeport, CT 06604. **203-581-5263**
- 6. Government issued Photo ID
- 7. If you are Veteran or Non-profit Organization, please provide documentation that you are exempted 501 c (3)

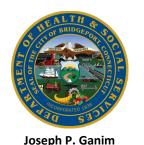
Vendor License fee is **\$300.00** and must be a bank check or money order, made payable to the Bridgeport Health Department. No Cash will be accepted.

Issued license is valid from April 1st through March 31st and must be renewed annually.

Indoor Food Truck View

Cart View





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Itinerant Vendor / Mobile Vendor Food Service Requirements

Itinerant Vendor / Mobile Vendor

Food Service Requirements Introduction: This information is designed to supplement the Bridgeport Health Department pre-operational guidelines with specific regard to mobile / itinerant vending. More detailed information is available by contacting the Environmental Health Division at 203-576-7474.

Definition

To qualify for a license as a mobile / itinerant vendor the following criteria must be met:

- 1. The food service unit must be mounted on wheels or other method of movable design.
- 2. When the unit must be self-contained; gas, water, and sewage holding tanks must be attached to the vehicle.
- 3. The food service vehicle must be moved on a daily basis. If the operation is not moved every day, it is considered permanent and must comply with the requirements for employee toilet and hand washing facilities that are connected to conventional water supply and sewage disposal system.

Inspection Scheduling

A pre-operational inspection of the vehicle must be conducted by Environmental Health prior to the issuance of a license. An appointment for an inspection may be made by contacting the office at 203-576-7474. Appointments for license renewal inspections must be scheduled prior to the license expiration date.

Exhaust System

Any food unit equipped with open cooking facilities such as grill, fryer, stove, etc. must be provided with a forced air exhaust system which: 1. Extends 8 - 10 inches beyond the edge of the cooking surface. 2. Is equipped with removable filter screens. 3. Is protected from entrance of insects and rodents.

Holding Tanks

Vehicles equipped with running water must be provided with a water tight waste holding tank which has a capacity equal to 1 ½ times the volume of the portable water storage facility. Waste water must be disposed of in a manner approved the Environmental Health.

Identification

Food service vehicles must bear the name and address on both sides of food cart or food truck. A current food service license from the Environmental Health must be in a visible location on the food truck or food cart.

Food from Approved Sources



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All food and beverage products offered for sale must be from an approved source. Prepared food products must be obtained from a licensed facility or approved by the Environmental Health. Home preparation of potentially hazardous food products is prohibited. When prepared food products are offered for sale, the licensee must have in his possession verification of the source from which the product was obtained.

Refuse Storage

The licensee must provide a waste and / or trash receptacle for disposal of refuse and paper waste outside the vehicle.

Refrigeration and Hot Holding Units

- 1. Commercial reach-in coolers whether gas or electric must be capable of maintaining potentially hazardous food at a temperature of 41 degrees Fahrenheit or less. All refrigeration unit must be equipped with a thermometer.
- 2. Hot holding units must be capable of maintaining potentially hazardous food at a temperature of 135 degrees Fahrenheit or higher. The licensee must have a thermometer in his possession for the purpose of checking holding temperatures. Hot holding units shall not be used for bringing cold foods to service temperature unless designed for this purpose.

Hand Washing Facilities

All food service units must be provided with hand washing facilities. Limited food service operations, that do not involve active food preparation, may use a "wash and dry" type waterless hand cleaner. Vehicles offering a variety of potentially hazardous food products or operations involving food preparation must be equipped with a hand washing sink with hot and cold running water.

Water Supply

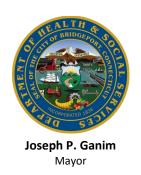
Water used on food service units must be obtained from: 1. A municipal or public water company. 2. A private well supply which has been tested and approved by the Connecticut Department of Public Health – Water Supplies Section.

Unit Design

All food service units must be designed so as to protect food product air borne contamination during periods of display and / or service. Food contact surfaces should be constructed of durable, non-porous materials, which are smooth and easily cleaned. Units equipped with open cooking facilities (grill, stove, fryer, etc.) or where operations involve potentially hazardous food preparation must be completely in a contained food truck vehicle to accommodate cooking processes.

Sanitizing Equipment

When food service operations involve the handling and / or preparation of foods, the service unit must be equipped with a three (3) compartment sink and hot and cold running water. The sink(s) must be of sufficient size to submerge the largest preparation utensil.



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FOOD VENDOR LICENSE NO.	
VEHICLE PLATE NO.	

	VENDOR LICENSE APPLICATION
OFFICE USE ONLY Insp. # Date:	NAME OF ESTABLISHMENT:
Late Charge:	ADDRESS:
Fee: \$300 Total:	TOWN & ZIPCODE:
CC/MO: Received by:	PHONE:
NAME OF OWNER/MANAGER'S NAME: HOME ADDRESS:	
PHONE:	
EMAIL:	
Issuance of this license shall not be construed as permission to create or maintain any violations of the sanitary regulations and ordinances of the State of Connecticut and the City of Bridgeport. The undersigned agrees to conduct business that is complicit with all local, state, and federal mandates, as well as any emergent government orders; be considered responsible for all business operations including the establishment and its staff; perform business as described upon application according to the documents provided to the Bridgeport Health Department; be uninvolved in actions or events that would jeopardize community health. Must be renewed APRIL 1ST annually. Late charge is an additional \$80 dollar.	
THIS LICENSE IS NOT TRANSFERRABLE, NON-REFUNDABLE AND NOT PRORATED	
Please make Cashier's check or Money Order to: Bridgeport Health Department	
Applicant's Signature:	Date: