



**AMARILLO AREA PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT**  
Cities of Amarillo, Canyon, the Villages of Timbercreek Canyon, Lake Tanglewood,  
Palisades, the Town of Bishop Hills, and Potter and Randall County  
CITY OF AMARILLO, P.O. BOX 1971, AMARILLO, TX, 79105-1971

### **Mobile Food Unit (MFU) Guidelines**

A Mobile Food Unit (MFU) is defined by the Texas Food Establishment Rules as “a vehicle mounted, self or otherwise propelled, self-contained food service operation, designed to be readily movable (including, but not limited to catering trucks, trailers, push carts and roadside vendors) and used to store, prepare, display, serve or sell food”. A MFU permit is required for anyone operating in such a fashion as described above.

Listed below are all the requirements that must be followed to legally operate a Mobile Food Unit in the Amarillo Area Public Health District:

- MFUs must submit all required paperwork, payment for the annual operating permit and have the unit inspected and approved by Environmental Health and the Fire Marshal’s office before food operation is allowed to commence. §228.244
- MFUs must comply with the construction requirements, to include but not limited to, the type of materials used for the floors, walls, ceiling, and the commercial grade of equipment to be used in the process of the food operation. If you have any questions pertaining to the design and construction requirements of a MFU, please contact our office for more information.
- Operational Parking - MFU’s must be located or parked on private property that is zoned appropriately for commercial use and have the written permission of the property owner. MFUs are not allowed to be parked along a right of way of a street, highway or on public property for the purpose of its food operation with a few exceptions. AMC 8-5-2(c)(5)
  - MFU is operating in conjunction with an approved Special Event with a proper Temporary Food Establishment Permit.
  - MFU has written permission from the City of Amarillo Parks department.
- Storage Parking - MFUs are not allowed to be parked in any residential zoned areas of the City for the purpose of operation or storage of the unit. AMC 8-5-21(4)
- All food items to be used for the MFU operation must be stored at an approved commissary location or on the unit for Stand Alone MFU’s. Food items are not allowed to be stored or made at a residence for the purpose of consumption or sale to the public. §228.174(k)

If you require more detailed information or have any questions regarding a Mobile Food Unit operation, please contact the Environmental Health Department at 806-378-9472.