



HEALTH CARE AGENCY/PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH *INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN*

To: Mobile Food Facility (MFF) / Food Vehicle Operations in Orange County (OC)

Subject: How to Obtain an OC MFF Permit

This is to notify Mobile Food Facility (MFF) operators/owners of the requirement to obtain a health permit per code section 114294 of the California Retail Food Code (CRFC). MFF plan review and approval by this agency must be completed before a health permit can be issued for a newly built vehicle, change of ownership or when the permit has expired. Be aware, if found operating without going through the required process, your vehicle will be subject to immediate closure and you will be charged a penalty up to three times the cost of the permit fee before a permit can be obtained.

Please note: Street vending, as allowed in Senate Bill 946 still requires all mobile food operations to comply with the California Retail Food Code (CRFC) and obtain a health permit prior to operating.

What is allowed as a permitted food vehicle (MFF)

Allowed	Not Allowed
With an approved menu / commercially built / meeting State requirements	
Prepackaged Cart or Bike (Example - prepackaged ice cream)	Homemade wood cart
Unpackaged Cart (Example - shaved ice)	Shopping cart
Truck (Example – cooking truck)	Stroller
Trailer (Example – taco trailer or at a recurring community event)	Tent or booth

PLAN REVIEW REQUIREMENTS for MFFs

Before starting food operations in OC, at ownership change or when a permit has lapsed, proposed MFF design/construction, menu, and operations are reviewed during a plan review process. The Vehicle **Plan Check Submittal Checklist** and **MFF Construction Guidelines** found at <http://www.ocfoodinfo.com/mobile>, review what needs to be included in your plan submission. Once the plans and plan check fees are submitted to OC Environmental Health (EH) at 1241 E. Dyer Rd., Ste. 120, Santa Ana, please allow for:

- 20 working days for the initial MFF plan review – approval letter or a correction letter will be issued
- If corrections are needed, submit the plan revisions/corrections
- Do not construct until written approval is given/ construct the MFF according to the approved plans

INSPECTION

This inspection will verify that the MFF is built according to the approved plans and operates in a safe manner. Before the inspection is conducted a **health permit application** must be submitted by the owner with supporting documents, health **permit fees** must be paid and proof of approved **commissary** usage must be verified.

MFF PERMIT

Once the MFF passes the final plan check and the operational inspection, and payment is remitted. A health permit will be issued. In addition to the Orange County Health Care Agency, there are other agencies you will need to contact to ensure you meet the requirements for your business. (i.e. Zoning, Building and Fire departments).

Please contact the OC MFF program at 714-433-6416, if you have any questions.