

DENNIS HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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MOBILE FOOD SERVICE LICENSE PROCEDURE

Each and every person who intends to engage in mobile food service vending in the Town of Dennis must first obtain approval from the Dennis Police Department. Pursuant to the Town of Dennis Regulations: State and National Criminal History Record Checks of Applicants for Licenses in Specified Occupations, licensing applicants must consent to the collection and submission of their fingerprints to the Dennis Police Department for the purpose of conducting a state and national fingerprint-based criminal history check. The Police shall sign off on all vendors listed on the Health Department's Application for a Mobile Food Service Permit.

Dennis Police Department, 90 Bob Crowell Road, South Dennis, MA 02660 - 508-394-1315 - Mon. - Fri.

Owner/operators shall require any new vendor employees, hired after the Town's Mobile Food Service Permit has been issued, to submit written authorization by the Dennis Police Department within ten (10) days of hire.

All vendors must be fingerprinted each license year.

The Health Department is authorized to deny an application for any license specified herein who is determined unfit for the license due to criminal history information on the applicant.

Additionally, ICE CREAM VENDORS shall obtain a permit from, either, the Police Department where the vendor lives or the Police Department of the city or town where they will be vending. The applicant shall submit a completed application; a copy of the applicant's fingerprints; two (2) current photographs, and a fee required by the Police Department for conducting the requisite criminal background check pursuant to 520 CMR 15.05(b).

LICENSE PROCEDURE FOR ICE CREAM TRUCK AND/OR PRE-PACKAGED FOOD VENDORS:

Mobile food operations not equipped with adequate water and waste systems to facilitate hand-washing and the cleaning of utensils shall be limited to the preparation and sale of non-potentially hazardous foods and the sale of pre-packaged foods. Push-cart type food service vendors will not be permitted in the Town of Dennis.

1. Obtain a Massachusetts' Hawker & Peddler License from the Massachusetts Division of Standards, One Ashburton Place, Room 1115, Boston, MA - (617)-727-3480 or www.mass.gov.
2. Each and every person who intends to engage in ice cream truck vending must obtain a permit from, either, the Police Department where the vendor lives or the Police Department of the city or town where they will be vending. The applicant shall submit a completed application; a copy of the applicant's fingerprints; two (2) current photographs of the applicant; and a fee required by the Police Department for conducting the requisite criminal background check pursuant to 520 CMR 15.05(b).
3. Complete an application for a Dennis Mobile Food Service License. Said application shall include and/or be accompanied by the following:
 - List Names of all Vendors
 - Name Printed on Vehicle
 - Copy of the Vehicle Registration
 - Copy of State Hawker & Peddler License
 - Copy of Permit Issued by a Massachusetts Police Department for Each Ice Cream Vendor
 - Sign off by Dennis Police Department of Each Vendor for State & National Fingerprint-based Criminal History Check
 - Fee of \$60.00 (checks payable to "Town of Dennis")
4. Contact the Health Department for an appointment (at least 24 hours in advance) to have the vehicle inspected at (508)-760-6158.

LICENSE PROCEDURE FOR VENDORS OF PREPARED FOOD:

The Health Department considers prepared foods to be those that are potentially hazardous and are cooked, or prepared on the vehicle, such as hamburgers or sandwiches. **VEHICLES MUST BE EQUIPPED WITH AN ADEQUATE WATER AND WASTE SYSTEM TO FACILITATE HAND-WASHING AND THE CLEANING AND SANITIZATION OF UTENSILS.**

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2. Complete an application for a Mobile Food Service License. Said application shall include and/or be accompanied by the following:
 - List Names of all Vendors
 - Name Printed on the Vehicle
 - Copy of the Vehicle Registration
 - Copy of Food Safety Certificate (ServSafe, etc.)
 - Copy of Allergen Awareness Certificate
 - Copy of State Hawker & Peddler License
 - Sign off by Dennis Police Department of each vendor for State & National Fingerprint-based Criminal History Check
 - Fee of \$90.00 (checks payable to "Town of Dennis")
3. As per 105 CMR 590.009(12), mobile food operations shall operate from a fixed, licensed food establishment or food processing plant and shall report at least daily to such locations for all food, water and supplies and for all cleaning and servicing operations.
4. Mobile units garaged outside of the Town of Dennis must furnish a written certification from their local Board of Health, verifying that they operate from a licensed food service establishment.
5. Contact the Dennis Health Department for an appointment (at least 24 hours in advance) to have the vehicle inspected at (508)-760-6158.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- VENDORS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON PUBLIC BEACHES OR THE PARKING AREAS, UNLESS UNDER CONTRACT WITH THE DENNIS BEACH COMMITTEE.
- A MOBILE VENDOR MAY REMAIN ON ONE PROPERTY FOR NO MORE THAN FOUR (4) HOURS IN TOTAL ON ANY GIVEN CALENDAR DAY PROVIDED THAT:
 1. The holder of the license is the owner of the property on which the mobile vendor will be selling food to the public, or has written permission of said owner.
 2. The mobile food unit meets state regulations.
 3. The mobile food unit does not violate any applicable zoning by-laws.
 4. The mobile food unit does not block any public way
 5. The mobile food unit operates only between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. inclusive.
- HAWKERS AND PEDDLERS MAY SELL WITHOUT A LICENSE: NEWSPAPERS, RELIGIOUS PUBLICATIONS, ICE, FLOWERING PLANTS, FLOWERS, NUTS OR BERRIES AS ARE WILD.
- ALL MOBILE FOOD UNITS SHALL COMPLY WITH THE REGULATIONS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, 105 CMR 590.000, THE 1999 FEDERAL FOOD CODE AND THE TOWN OF DENNIS FOOD SERVICE REGULATIONS.