



Quick Reference Guide to Chapter 844 Mobile Food Vehicle Vendors

City of Centerville, Ohio

This guide is intended for those interested in operating a food vending vehicle on public streets within the corporation limits of the City of Centerville, Ohio. As defined by the City of Centerville, a Mobile Food Vehicle is:

“A commercially manufactured, self-contained, motorized vehicle, including vehicle-towed trailers and food carts, which vehicles are currently licensed by the Ohio Department of Motor Vehicles in which ready-to-eat food is cooked, wrapped, packaged, processed or portioned for service, sale or distribution.”

Provided below are guidelines to be followed while operating within the city limits. **The information contained below, however, is not a substitute for the rules and regulations as adopted by City Council in accordance with Chapter 844 “Mobile Food Vehicle Vendors” of the codified ordinances of the City of Centerville.** A Mobile Food Vendor may operate on private property in accordance with Article 9.05(A)(10)(d) of the Unified Development Ordinance.

License Required

- Issued by the City Manager
- Annual Fee = \$50
- Expires April 1st each year
- Non-transferable
- Valid for one (1) vehicle only
- License displayed on Vehicle at all times

Operator shall maintain a valid driver’s license and motor vehicle registration.

Operator shall furnish and maintain proper liability insurance coverage of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

General Obligations

- DO NOT** impede traffic

A mobile food vehicle may operate in the public right-of-way provided it:

- DOES NOT** operate on a street designated as a Thoroughfare Street
- DOES NOT** operate outside the hours of 11:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- DOES NOT** operate farther than twelve inches (12”) from the curb
- DOES NOT** operate without continuously flashing lights while parked or stopped
- DOES NOT** emit sound in excess of the limits as defined in Article 9.53(A)(1)(i) of the Unified Development Ordinance
- DOES NOT** remain stationary in one location in excess of one (1) hour while operating for sales purposes