



Protocol for Mobile Food Establishments Permitted in Other Counties and Desiring to Operate in Jefferson County

The Rules of Alabama State Board of Health Bureau of Environmental Services, Chapter 420-3-22, for Food Establishment Sanitation (Food Rules) state a mobile food establishment shall be approved by the Health Officer to operate within each county before operating within that county. A mobile food establishment permitted in an Alabama county and will be operating no more than 100 miles from the permitted commissary may operate in Jefferson County, provided that proper approval and authorization has been given.

The following will be used in the authorization process:

420-3-22-.01(4)(19) Definitions –

“Mobile food establishment” means, except for pushcarts, a unit mounted on or pulled by a self-propelled vehicle; is self-contained with its own drinking water tank and waste water tank unless handling only prepackaged foods; is designed to be readily movable; and is moved daily to return to its commissary. A pushcart is a category of mobile food establishment.

420-3-22-.09(2)(a) Restricted Operation –

A mobile food establishment or unit shall be approved by the Health Officer to operate within each county before operating within that county. Authorization to operate in one county does not confer authorization to operate in any other county. It shall be the responsibility of the mobile food establishment operator and the commissary permit holder to obtain proper approval and authorization to operate within each county.

420-3-22-.09(3)(d) Mobile food unit identification –

The business name and address of the commissary, as shown on the commissary's Food Permit, and telephone number of the commissary, shall be permanently placed on at least two sides of the mobile food unit. Lettering shall be legible, clearly visible to the public from the service area, and of a color contrasting with the unit exterior. The name shall be in letters at least three inches high with strokes of at least 3/8 inch width. The address and telephone number shall be in letters at least one inch high.

420-3-22-.09(6)(a) Commissary base of operations –

Mobile food units or pushcarts shall operate from a commissary and shall report at least daily to such location for all supplies and for all cleaning and servicing operations.

Provided that JCDH has determined that the mobile food establishment proposing to operate in Jefferson County has a current valid permit issued by another county health department and satisfies the Food Rules, including any requirements or regulations specific to Jefferson County, permission will be granted to operate the mobile food establishment. Furthermore, JCDH reserves the right to deny permission to operate the mobile food establishment should it determine that the above requirements have not been satisfied.



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Owner Name _____

Name of Mobile Unit _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ **State** AL **Zip Code** _____

Phone _____ **Email** _____

The applicant shall provide the following items for review and approval by JCDH:

1. Current mobile food establishment permit from the county where the permit is held.
2. Most recent inspection report for the mobile food establishment.
3. Current menu.
4. Schedule of planned mobile food establishment operations in Jefferson County, including:
 - a. Locations where mobile food establishment operations are planned in Jefferson County.
 - b. Dates and times when mobile food establishment plans to operate at the above planned locations in Jefferson County.
 - c. Toilet facilities for the operator for any location where the mobile food establishment is proposed to stay for two or more hours.

AS INDICATED BY THE SIGNATURE BELOW, THE APPLICANT:

1. Agrees to allow inspections of mobile food establishment by JCDH.
2. Will abide by all JCDH rules and regulations.
3. Will notify JCDH of any changes to the menu, schedule of operations in Jefferson County, or other changes in operational plans, commissary location, or permit status.

By typing your name, you are agreeing to the terms listed above.

Applicant

JCDH will provide in writing the Health Department approval to operate in Jefferson County pending satisfactory review. The applicant is subject to the requirements and restrictions of other agencies within the jurisdiction.

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Reviewed by: _____ Date