



## Environmental Health and Safety

☎ 919 856 5700  
Waverly F. Akins Wake County Office Building  
336 Fayetteville St. • Raleigh, NC 27601  
P.O. Box 550 • Raleigh, NC 27602  
[wake.gov/EHS](http://wake.gov/EHS)

### Checklist For a Successful Mobile Food Unit Permit Application

#### I. Before submitting an application

1. Become familiar with mobile food unit (MFU) requirements and what you will need to successfully apply for an MFU permit:
  - Review the [General Information](#)
  - Read through the [.2600 Rules](#), [Food Code](#), [Matrix](#)
2. Begin to identify the Commissary you will be using (a commissary is not required at time of application but is required prior to permit issuance)
  - A commissary is a food establishment that serves as the base of operation for a food truck or hot dog cart. The following activities occur at the commissary:
    - The food truck/hot dog cart is required to visit the commissary every day of operation for servicing, cleaning, and supplies.
    - Washing/cutting/marinating of meats, produce, and vegetables
    - Cooking and cooling of foods
    - Storage of food, dry goods, and paper goods
    - Onload of water and offload of wastewater
3. Review the following guides:
  - Review the MFU construction [Design Guidelines](#)
  - Review [Submittal Guide](#) as it will be helpful when you are ready to apply
4. Gather the necessary documents:
  - Complete the 2 checklists before applying
    - [MFU Customer Application Checklist](#)
    - [MFU Menu Item Attachment](#)
  - Menu
  - Manufacturer Equipment Specification Sheets (MSS)
  - Food Equipment Drawings (construction plans)
  - [Commissary Form](#) (Not required at time of application but is required prior to permit issuance).

#### II. Submitting your application

5. Go to the portal – Create an account
  - [Portal](#)
6. Apply for a Food Truck or Pushcart permit.
  - Use the [Submittal Guide](#) to assist you with the online application.
  - Upload all required documents.

#### III. After your application is submitted

7. Once a complete application has been submitted, plans will be reviewed, and a response provided within about 10 business days.
8. Once plans are approved and the MFU is constructed, review the [MFU Inspection Checklist](#). A construction evaluation of the unit can then be requested.
9. Secure a Commissary and email the [Commissary Form](#) to [healthandsafety@wake.gov](mailto:healthandsafety@wake.gov) for evaluation. **An approved commissary is required in order to receive your permit.**
10. Once the MFU or Pushcart is found compliant with the rules, a Food Service permit will be issued which allows you to begin operating.