



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Pushcarts/restricted food service

Food such as pre-cooked hot dogs and similar meats such as Italian sausage, bratwurst, and frankfurters, nacho chips and cheese and pre-packaged pre-cooked commercially prepared sandwiches may be sold from a pushcart that is either fixed or mobile. Hawaiian shaved ice and snow-cones that use commercially prepared pre-packaged flavor dispensers that are replaced when empty are also eligible for restricted push carts.

Permit Fee: \$33.00 per year

Steps to operate a pushcart:

1. Contact the Department of Public Health and Wellness to set up an appointment for an opening inspection
2. Required equipment:
 - Waste retention tank
 - Hand wash sink with hot and cold running water
 - Permanent or temporary three compartment tubs to be used for wash, rinse, and sanitizing of equipment
 - Minimum availability of a stored potable water source
 - Sanitizer- Bleach water should equal 50-200ppm, QUAT water should equal 200-400 ppm
 - Adequate cold and hot storage for products and safe dry food and single service storage.
 - Hair restraint
 - Proper test strips to test sanitizer residual.
 - Metal stem thermometer to check internal temperature of food.
 - Thermometer in each refrigerated unit (cooler included)

Any pushcart that cannot meet these requirements shall be required to operate from a commissary. Any excess storage needed for the cart while not in operation or single service items, shall be considered as part of the cart permit fee and inspected for safety.

***Hotdog carts wanting to serve chili, onions and peppers, will be required to operate from a commissary, contact the Department of Public Health and Wellness for more information.**

Points to remember:

- Commissaries are required for hotdog carts wanting to serve chili, sliced peppers and onions
- Restrooms must be available near the area of operation

***Contact Louisville Metro Codes and Regulation of City permit requirements**

Contact Information:

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