

## Permits and Licenses

Permits and licenses requirements vary widely from state to state and even from city to city. It is highly recommended that you contact your local health and police departments to acquire specific information regarding licensing and permit requirements in your area.

There are three types of permits and/or licenses you may have to deal with. The first license which will be required in just about any jurisdiction is the one you will need from your local Health Department. This basically authorizes you to sell food in your area. This will usually require an inspection of your food vending cart/vehicle. Cost of this license will vary widely usually between \$100 and \$250. Depending on where you live, these licenses are either issued by your local town, county or by the state.

The other type of permit you may have to deal with is related to the locations you choose to operate from. In the case of Public property, playgrounds, beaches or even city streets may or may not require a permit from your local police department. In the case of parades, ball games, carnivals, once again a permit may be required. And once again the cost of these permits will vary widely.

Your local city or municipal government may require that you obtain a business license and/or separate vendor location permit for each permanent location you plan to use. Some larger cities like New York have a limited number of approved vendor locations available and there may be a waiting list. So you will need to apply and get on that list.

It is strongly recommended, and it cannot be emphasized more, that you should check with the proper regulating agencies in your area for specific requirements. Due to the wide variations in Health standards from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, it is your ultimate responsibility to determine your local health requirements and determine what modifications or additions may be necessary. With that information in hand we will happily work with you to satisfy your local requirements. But not to worry, 99% of the time, your food vending vehicle will meet all the requirements of this inspection. In a very rare case an additional piece of equipment may be required. As a point of clarification, even though we may provide you with the location(s), you are responsible for compliance issues, rent payments, fees and other related costs.

We maintain a "Permits and Licenses" database of all jurisdictions throughout the USA and Canada. Once you decide to move forward we will contact the regulatory agencies in your area to insure that our information is current. We will also provide you with the contact information so that you can follow up on your end as required. A lot of the information on local by-laws for food vendors can be obtained online at the local city's web site.

