

Mobile Food Vending Regulation in New York City



Division of Environmental Health
Bureau of Food Safety and Community Sanitation

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Mobile Food Vending Inspection Program

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Mobile Food Vending Overview

- Regulate, license and permit
 - ~ 20,200 food vendors licensed
 - ~ 4900 units (carts and trucks) permitted
 - ~ 90-100 Mobile Food Vending Commissaries
- Enforce State & City regulations
 - Pre-permit, Routine (letter grading) and complaint-based inspections
 - 25 Field Inspectors, 11 supervisors
- Health Academy - provides training, education on safe food handling and operation
 - 8 hour (4+4) course, Test given in multiple languages

Basic Requirements to Vend Food Legally

To vend food legally a person needs the following:



Food Vendor License



Mobile Food Vending Unit




Permit-Decal



Permit Paper

Mobile Food Vendor License



The City of New York
Department of Health
MOBILE FOOD VENDOR
Full Term License

Commissioner
CAMIS #: 40327031
Name: [REDACTED]
Document #: 205350
License Number: 0053511
Issued: 7/18/2011
Expires: 7/31/2013

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NAME
RECORD/CAMIS NUMBER
ISSUE AND EXPIRATION DATE
SIGNATURE
PICTURE



Address: [REDACTED] 46 STREET 2/FL
ASTORIA NY 11103
Height: 5 3
Weight: 137 Gender: MALE Eye Color: BLACK
Date of Birth: [REDACTED]
This License is Non-Transferable:

ADDRESS
DATE OF BIRTH

New Letter Grade Permit-Decals


MOBILE FOOD VENDOR

NOT TRANSFERABLE

RESTRICTIONS

- Citywide
- Bronx
- Brooklyn
- Queens
- Staten Island
- Restricted/
Pvt
Property
- Specialized
Vendor
- Temporary
- Processing
- Non-
Processing

SANITARY INSPECTION GRADE



Permit Decal #: _____

Inspection Date: ____/____/____

Grade Date: ____/____/____

MONTH

Jan.

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YEAR

2018

2019

2020

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2023


2024



For more information or a copy of an inspection report, call 311 or visit nyc.gov/ABCEats

Permit-decal expires at midnight on the last day of month and year punched.



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GREEN CART VENDOR

FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES ONLY

NOT TRANSFERABLE

RESTRICTIONS

- Bronx
Police Precincts
40, 41, 42,
43, 44, 45,
46, 47, 48,
49, 52
- Brooklyn
Police Precincts
67, 70, 71,
72, 73, 75,
77, 79, 81,
83
- Manhattan
Police Precincts
23, 25, 26,
28, 30, 32,
33, 34
- Queens
Police Precincts
100, 101,
103, 113
- Staten Island
Police Precinct
120



Visit nyc.gov/health/ABCEats for inspection results

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Old Permit-Decals



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Complaints? Call 311

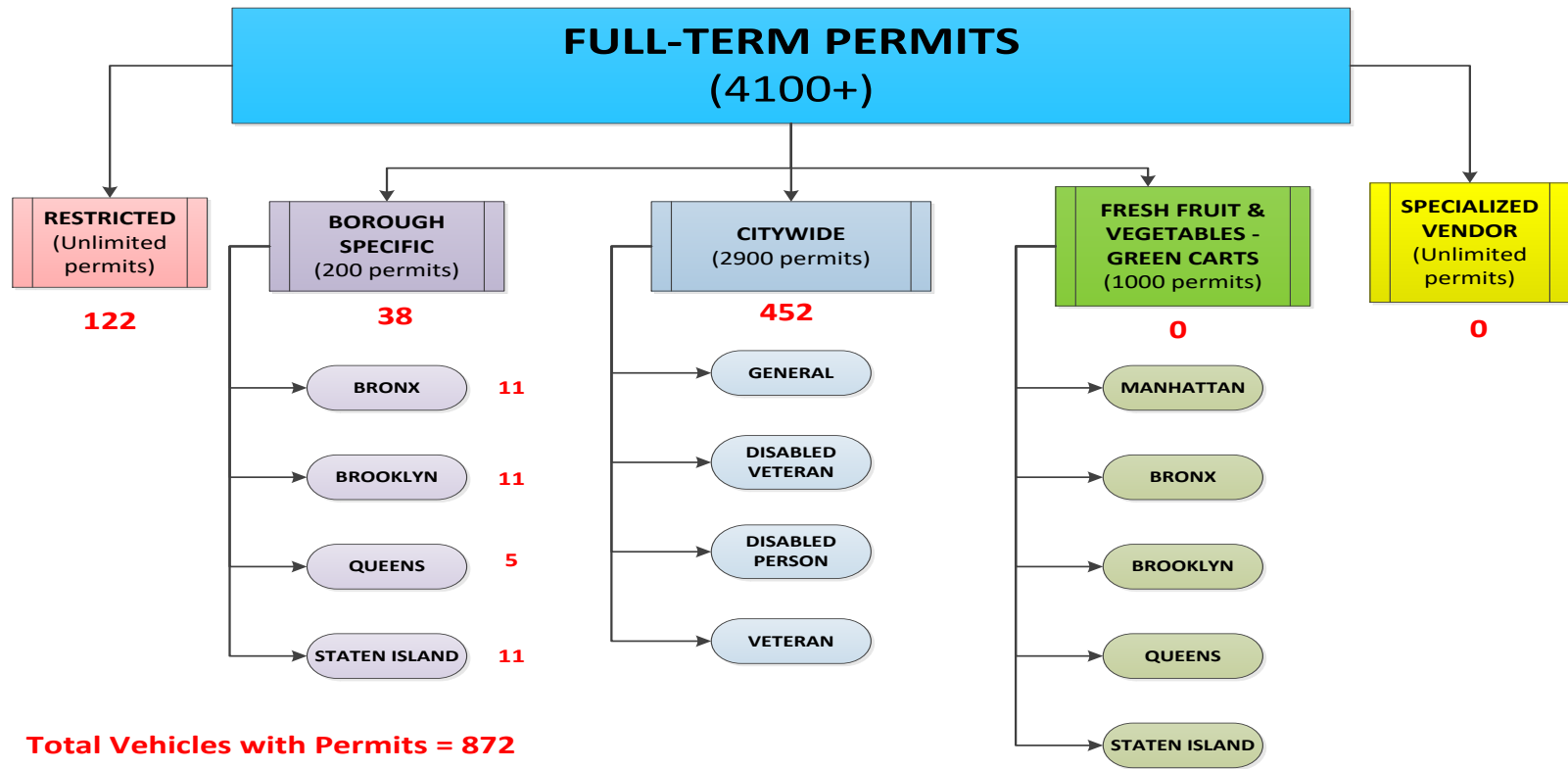
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2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025

Permit Types

Full-Term permits: valid for two years - 5 permit classes

Temporary permits: valid from April 1st - October 31st each year



TEMPORARY (SEASONAL) PERMITS (1000 permits)

260

FOOD UNIT CONSTRUCTION



General Construction Requirements For Mobile Food Vending Units

- Mobile food vending units must be manufactured from easily cleanable, durable, hard, smooth, non-porous, non-absorbent, non-reactive and non-toxic materials
- When required, only potable water can be used
- Supply tanks for hand, food and ware (if necessary) washing must have a minimum capacity of 10 gallons for pushcarts and 40 gallons for trucks and trailers
- Supply tanks must be constructed from food grade materials
- Waste tanks must also be provided for these units with a minimum capacity totaling 15% more than the water supply tank capacity
- Non-processing units utilizing water or where liquid waste is generated are also required to provide waste tanks
- Exterior surfaces shall be constructed of smooth, durable, non-porous, non-toxic materials, without any open seams and joints

As of November 1, 2013 all classes of mobile food vending units except trucks and trailers cannot exceed a 10' in length and 5' in width.

EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

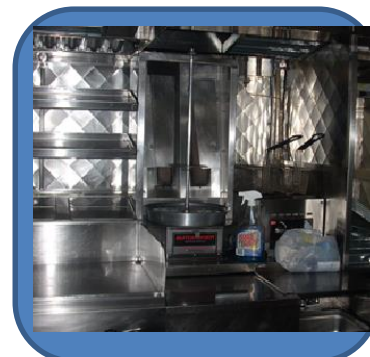
All Equipment and non-food contact surfaces should be:

- Easily cleanable
- Durable
- Smooth
- Non-porous
- Non-absorbent
- Non-reactive
- Non-toxic



Food contact surfaces:

- Should be constructed of easily cleanable, non-toxic commercial food grade materials.
- Cooking surfaces should also be placed and configured so as to minimize the risks of food contamination and injury to patrons, vendors and the public.



Regulations Particular to Vehicles

- Obey all Vehicle and Traffic regulations
- Allowed two LPG tanks (100 lb. max each)
- Partition separating the cab and food areas
- Ice Cream Trucks
 - audible alarm when backing up
 - retractable/swinging arm STOP sign

General Operational Inspection

- Valid permit decal with permit paper
- Valid food vendor's license (displayed) with permit paper
- Appropriate vending location
- Hair restraint
- Vendors personal hygiene adequate
- Hand wash sink provided and maintained with water, soap and paper towels
- Authorized food items sold
- Proof of food source provided
- Commissary information provided
- Appropriately scaled metal stem type or similar thermometer
- Proper food temperatures
- Food protected from potential contamination
- Vending unit adequately maintained
- Propane tank(s) secured
- Adequate ventilation
- Secured fire extinguisher
- Cart dimensions correct
- Food preparation area separated from cab by partition – vehicles only

