



## FOOD CONTROL AND PLAN REVIEW SECTIONS

Baltimore City Health Department

1001 E. Fayette Street

Baltimore, Maryland 21202

### REQUIREMENTS FOR CARTS AND STREET VENDORS

#### In General:

1. Any cart, truck, and street vendor selling or distributing food in Baltimore City must obtain a food license from the Baltimore City Health Department.
2. Any cart, truck, and street vendor selling or distributing food **and/or** merchandise (non-food items) in Baltimore City must obtain a license from the Board of Licenses for Street Vendors.

#### Specifics:

1. All food service carts, food trucks, and street vendors selling food within the City, prior to operating, must obtain:
  - A license from the Food Control Section, Baltimore City Health Department, for the sale of any food product. Food products include: packaged food, prepared foods, snowballs, canned and bottled drinks, etc. Approved vendors will receive a paper license and an orange sticker that must be attached to the cart; **AND**
  - A license from the Board of Licenses for Street Vendors (200 N. Holiday St. Baltimore, MD 21202, 410-361-9690).
2. All food and non-food carts, prior to operating, must obtain:
  - A business/mobile vending license from the State of Maryland License Department (100 N. Calvert Street, Room 628, Baltimore, MD 21202, 410-333-3790); **AND**
  - A license from the Board of Licenses for Street Vendors (200 N. Holiday St. Baltimore, MD 21202, 410-361-9690).
3. All carts in the stadium areas must be on wheels and obtain a permit from the State of Maryland License Department.
4. Any cart used for the sale of food must be constructed of a material that is smooth, non-absorbent and washable. All food/beverages equipment must be commercial NSF approved.

5. All hot dog carts must be of an approved commercial design with a hand-washing sink and adequate supply of hot and cold water, which meets Health Department approval.
6. Any cart used to prepare any foods, including hot dog carts with a grill for cooking, must have:
  - a. A hand-washing sink with an adequate supply of hot and cold water.
  - b. A three (3)-compartment sink/utensil washing sink.
  - c. Waste water tank.
  - d. Adequate refrigeration (no ice chests.)
  - e. Adequate cooking facilities (if necessary.) No charcoal or wood cooking equipment is allowed.

**Exception:** Carts used for pre-packaged foods are exempt from the requirements listed under #6.

7. All snowball carts must use:
  - a. An approved snowball machine.
  - b. Sealed flavors from an approved source.
  - c. Ice from an approved source (no home-made ice.)
  - d. No ice cream or perishable products can be sold.
  - e. All snowball carts, trucks or stands must have a hand-washing sink with an adequate supply of hot and cold water or an adequate hand washing facility.
8. No foods can be prepared at home. All foods must come from an approved source.
9. Health Department Administrative Requirements:
  - A Health Department inspection is required prior to issuing a license. The inspection fee is \$150.
  - The cost of the food license will depend upon the type of food service on the cart. The food license is in effect from July 1<sup>st</sup> of one year to June 30<sup>th</sup> of the next year
  - Photos showing all angles of the cart or truck must be provided.

If you have question, please contact the Plan Review Section, Baltimore City Health Department, at 410-396-4544.