Food Truck Permit Guide: Nashville and Surrounding Counties

City-by-city permits, fees, documents, and fire rules for food trucks in Nashville, Davidson County, and nine surrounding Middle Tennessee counties. Last updated November 2, 2026.

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Why permits vary from town to town

In Tennessee, your health permit comes from the state (or from Metro Public Health in Davidson County), and the State Fire Marshal's mobile food unit permit is honored statewide. But each city sets its own rules for where, when, and how long a truck can park, and many add their own vending permit, fee, and paperwork. A truck that is fully licensed in Nashville can still need a separate permit in Franklin, Murfreesboro, or Gallatin.

This guide puts those rules side by side for Davidson County and Metro Nashville (including Metro Parks) and nine surrounding counties: Cheatham, Dickson, Maury, Montgomery, Robertson, Rutherford, Sumner, Williamson, and Wilson. For each city you get the permit and office, the fee, the documents to bring, fire inspection rules, where and when you can operate, and the official contact and source. It is built for food truck operators planning their routes and for event planners booking trucks. Last updated November 2, 2026.

Fees at a glance

City	County	City permit fee	Notes
Metro Nashville	Davidson	Fire operational permit $151 (12 months); NDOT downtown zones $55 (2 months)	Plus Metro Health permit and County Clerk business license ($30 USD / $15 GSD)
Goodlettsville	Davidson / Sumner	$50 application + $100 per year	Calendar year
Ashland City	Cheatham	$50 per year	Renewal $50
Kingston Springs	Cheatham	$75 per year	-
Pegram	Cheatham	$50 per year	-
Pleasant View	Cheatham	$200 per year	$50 for 30 days, $25 one day
Dickson	Dickson	$250 per year	Expires Dec 31
Charlotte	Dickson	Not listed	Contact City Hall for fees

City	County	City permit fee	Notes
Columbia	Maury	$50 + technology fee	-
Mount Pleasant	Maury	$50 per year	Renewal $50
Clarksville	Montgomery	$165 per year	Transient Vendor permit
Coopertown	Robertson	$50 per year	Expires Dec 31
Greenbrier	Robertson	$250 per month	$50 per day
Springfield	Robertson	$250 per year	$50 one day
La Vergne	Rutherford	$100 per year	-
Murfreesboro	Rutherford	$50 for 12 months	Confirm with the city
Smyrna	Rutherford	$200 + $10 tech fee	Property owner permit $100 per 30 days + $20
Gallatin	Sumner	$130 per year	-
Hendersonville	Sumner	Not listed	Up to six 1-week periods per lot per year
Millersville	Sumner / Robertson	Waived through Dec 17, 2026	City property
Portland	Sumner	$100 application + $250 per year	Or $50 Special Event (3 days)
White House	Sumner / Robertson	$120 per year	Temporary $50
Brentwood	Williamson	$50 per year	Calendar year
Fairview	Williamson	$50 per year	-
Franklin	Williamson	$100 per vehicle per year	Location-specific $200 per property; half price after July 1
Nolensville	Williamson	$250 per year	$50 temporary 3-day
Spring Hill	Williamson / Maury	Not listed	Temporary Use Permit
Thompson's Station	Williamson	Not listed	Temporary Use Permit
Lebanon	Wilson	$100 per year	$50 city fire inspection if no state permit
Mt. Juliet	Wilson	Not listed	Daily or annual
Watertown	Wilson	$350 per year	$50 for 30 days, $200 for 180 days

City permit fees only. State health, county business license, and fire permit costs are separate; see the county sections for details and sources.

Key takeaways

- **31 places with their own food truck permit or approval:** Metro Nashville, Goodlettsville, Gallatin, Hendersonville, Portland, White House, Millersville, Lebanon, Mt. Juliet, Watertown, Murfreesboro, Smyrna, La Vergne, Franklin, Brentwood, Nolensville, Spring Hill, Thompson's Station, Fairview, Ashland City, Kingston Springs, Pleasant View, Pegram, Springfield, Greenbrier, Coopertown, Clarksville, Dickson, Charlotte, Columbia, and Mount Pleasant.
- **16 towns with no food truck permit posted:** Belle Meade, Berry Hill, Forest Hills, Oak Hill, Ridgetop, Westmoreland, Mitchellville, Eagleville, Cross Plains, Adams, Cedar Hill, Orlinda, White Bluff, Burns, Vanleer, and Slayden. State health and county business license rules still apply, and some list peddler permits. Contact the town before you operate.
- **Unincorporated county areas:** No county-level food truck permit is posted in these counties, except a Rutherford County Fire-Rescue operational permit ($50 per year) for trucks with smoke or grease appliances. Williamson County may require a Temporary Use Permit.
- **Many permits run on the calendar year:** Goodlettsville, Brentwood, Franklin, Coopertown, Dickson, Springfield, and Nolensville permits end Dec 31, so plan renewals for December.
- **City property and events often need more:** White House, Watertown, Clarksville, Metro Parks, and others require $1,000,000 liability insurance naming the city or agency to set up on public property or at city events.

What to have ready

1. **Health permit:** TDH mobile food unit permit through your county health department, or Metro Public Health in Davidson County. Packaged-food trucks are permitted by the TN Dept of Agriculture. Many cities ask for a recent TDH inspection score of 70% or better.
2. **Business licenses and tax registration:** County business license from the county clerk, a city business license where required, and state business and sales tax registration with the TN Dept of Revenue.
3. **Insurance certificate (COI):** Auto liability for the vehicle. For city property, parks, and city events, expect $1,000,000 general liability naming the city or agency as additionally insured.
4. **Fire safety:** The State Fire Marshal mobile food unit permit ($300, good 365 days) is accepted statewide under TCA 68-102-123; a city cannot require its own fire permit or inspection from a truck that holds it. Without it, plan on the local fire inspection each city lists. State standards include Class K and 2-A:10-B:C extinguishers and hood and suppression serviced every 6 months; Nashville also requires propane secured upright.
5. **Vehicle and menu:** Registration with VIN, driver's license, color photos of the truck (often inside and all sides), and your menu.
6. **Site paperwork:** Written property owner permission, a restroom agreement if you stay on one site for hours (common distances are 150 to 500 ft), and in Davidson County a notarized commissary agreement.

> **State fire permit rule:** Under TCA 68-102-123 (Public Chapter 390, 2023), a city must accept the State Fire Marshal's mobile food unit permit and cannot require a local fire permit or inspection from a truck that holds it. Several city forms below list a local fire inspection; under the statute, that applies to trucks without the state permit. Source: https://www.mtas.tennessee.edu/system/files/mrln/mknowledge/main/Mobile%20Food%20Units_TCA%2068-102-1%20Summary_%2020240829.pdf

Statewide requirements

- **Health permit:** TDH Environmental Health permits food units through the county health departments in every county in this guide except Davidson, which runs its own program (as do Hamilton, Knox, Madison, and Shelby). TDH EH (615) 741-7206, Geh.health@tn.gov. https://www.tn.gov/health/eh.html
- **Packaged or retail food trucks:** TN Dept of Agriculture permits Mobile Food Establishments: labels, business registration, floor plan, notarized lease if any. NewFood.Business@tn.gov, (615) 837-5193. https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/consumers/food-safety/ag-businesses-retail-food-establishments/mobile-food.html
- **State fire permit (optional):** State Fire Marshal: $300 application, good 365 days, apply new each year, $150 for a failed reinspection. Standards: NFPA 96 hood and suppression (serviced every 6 months), NFPA 10 extinguishers (Class K plus 2-A:10-B:C), NEC wiring, accessible LP shutoff. (615) 741-2981, sfmo.licensing@tn.gov. https://www.law.cornell.edu/regulations/tennessee/T-C-A-SS-0780-02-02-.07 and https://www.tn.gov/commerce/fire/permit/licensing.html
- **What cities may still control:** Zoning, location, and hours (TCA 53-8-123), business licenses, and fire-code parking distances and fire-lane access, even for trucks with the state permit. Source: MTAS summary above.
- **Business tax:** County (and some city) business license from the county clerk, plus state business and sales tax registration with the TN Dept of Revenue. https://www.tn.gov/revenue/taxes/business-tax/registration-and-licensing.html

Davidson County (Metro Nashville)

- **Health:** Metro Public Health Dept, Food Protection, (615) 340-5620. Plan review via REDCap: menu, food flow, scaled floor plan, equipment list. 3-compartment sink and hand sink. Wastewater tank 15% larger than potable. Metro Water approval for grease and gray water, (615) 862-4590. Notarized commissary agreement with a TDH or TDA permitted commissary; no home prep. Hard surface; restroom within 500 ft if hooked up. Source (Aug 2023): https://www.nashville.gov/sites/default/files/2023-08/Mobile-Food-Units-Plan-Review-and-Permitting-Process.pdf
- **Fire:** Nashville Fire Marshal Concession Trailer/Food Truck operational permit, $151, 12 months, covers all of Davidson. Inspection: Class K and 2A:40BC extinguishers tagged and mounted, hood and suppression with a current service tag, propane secured upright, 10 ft from buildings and other trucks. (615) 862-5421, https://epermits.nashville.gov. https://www.nashville.gov/departments/fire/fire-marshal-office/operational-permits
- **Street and downtown (NDOT):** Mobile Food Vendor permit, one per truck. $55 for Downtown Core zones, renewed every 2 months; zones open 10am-2pm and 6pm-3am. No vending within 150 ft of a restaurant without its written OK, 15 ft of hydrants, bus stops, intersections, and driveways, or a block of a school zone in school hours. No right-of-way vending 3:30-6am. 6 ft clear sidewalk. Parks: see Metro Parks below. (615) 862-8782, NDOTpermits@nashville.gov. Guidelines (Nov 2023): https://www.nashville.gov/sites/default/files/2023-11/Food_Vendor_Program_Guidelines-NDOT.pdf
- **Business license:** Davidson County Clerk: $30 inside Nashville city limits (USD), $15 elsewhere in the county (GSD). (615) 862-6050, DCCBusinessServ@nashville.gov. https://www.nashville.gov/departments/county-clerk/business-services/apply-business-license
- **Pending bill:** BL2026-1580 would add an annual Codes permit to operate off the right-of-way (expires April 30), a site plan, 64-gallon trash cans, and one truck per lot outside vendor parks. Passed first reading Oct 6, 2026; on the Dec 1, 2026 Council agenda. Not law as of November 2, 2026. https://nashville.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?GUID=CAE4E430-533C-4606-ACA0-0594999E603E&ID=8256486

Satellite cities in Davidson

City	Permit and office	Fee	Documents and fire	Where and when	Contact and source
Goodlettsville (part Sumner)	Mobile Food Vendor Permit, Community Development, 318 N Main St	$50 application per vehicle plus $100 per calendar year (Jan-Dec)	Photos, VIN and registration, state or county health permit, alcohol license if any, county and city business license, property owner letter. City form calls for a Goodlettsville Fire Marshal inspection (see the state fire permit rule above).	Restroom access needed if staying on one site. City events: contact Goodlettsville Parks.	(615) 851-3741. https://goodlettsville.gov/947/Mobile-Food-Vendor-Information and https://www.goodlettsville.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3313/food-vendor-app-and-ord
Belle Meade	No food truck permit posted	-	-	-	Contact City Hall. Legislation: https://citybellemeade.org/legislation/
Berry Hill	No food truck permit posted	-	-	-	(615) 292-5531. Zoning: https://www.berryhilltn.gov/105/Zoning-Ordinance
Forest Hills	No food truck permit posted	-	-	-	City code: https://library.municode.com/tn/forest_hills/codes/code_of_ordinances
Oak Hill	No food truck permit posted	-	City lists peddler and transient vendor permits only.	-	Contact City Hall.
Ridgetop (part Robertson)	No food truck permit posted	Peddler/transient merchant permit, $5 (city code). Not food-truck specific.	-	City code mentions mobile food vendors only in sewer grease rules. The city's 2026 Smoke on the Ridge event charged food trucks $50 to vend (an event fee, not a city permit).	City Hall (615) 859-0596. City code: https://www.mtas.tennessee.edu/system/files/codes/combined/Ridgetop-code.pdf ; https://ridgetoptn.org/assets/pdfs/vendor_app.pdf

Metro Parks: parks and park events

Selling food or anything else in a Metro park requires a permit from the Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation (Metro Code 13.24.210). There are two paths: a Metro Parks Food Truck Permit to vend at designated park times and locations, or vending at a permitted special event, where the event organizer holds the Parks permit.

- **Permit:** Metro Parks Food Truck Permit, Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation (Metro Parks), Parks Headquarters, 2565 Park Plaza, Nashville, TN 37203.
- **Which vehicles qualify:** A licensed, motorized vehicle that makes or serves food, with on-board power, refrigeration, food preparation facilities, and room for at least two employees. Trailers hitched to a licensed vehicle may be approved if they meet the same standard. Parks may make exceptions at the request of food truck park organizers.
- **Required documents:** Certificate of insurance for $1,000,000 liability naming Metro Parks and Recreation, 2565 Park Plaza, Nashville, TN 37203, as additionally insured. Metro Fire Department certification for the vehicle (see the Nashville Fire Marshal operational permit above). Metro Health Department certification for the vehicle. State of Tennessee business license. Photo of the truck or trailer. Menu.
- **Fee:** The Parks food truck page and application list no permit fee. The 2025 Parks fee schedule lists a push cart vendor fee of $150 per month ($180 non-resident) and a food concession sales fee of $100 per field per month ($120 non-resident) for sales at sports fields. Ask Parks which fee, if any, applies to your truck.
- **Where and when:** Approved trucks may be in parks only at Parks-designated times and locations. Approved vendors receive a schedule with contact information for food truck park organizers.
- **How to apply:** Submit the online Food Truck Permit Application on hubNashville, or print the PDF application and bring it with all paperwork to Metro Parks, 2565 Park Plaza, Nashville, TN 37203. Mailing address: P.O. Box 196340, Nashville, TN 37219-6340.
- **Contact:** Food trucks (also picnic shelters): 615-862-8408. Parks main line: 615-862-8400, metroparks@nashville.gov. Metro help line: 311 or 615-862-5000.

Vending at a special event in a park

1. **Vendors: contact the event organizer:** Metro Parks directs food trucks to contact special event organizers directly about vending opportunities.
2. **Organizers: file a Special Event Permit Application:** Required for any special event in a Metro park; check the Food Sales box. Submit at least two weeks before the event for administrative approval. Events with fundraising, amplified sound, or alcohol need Park Board approval (the Board meets the first Tuesday of each month; applications received less than 45 days before the meeting may not be approved).
3. **Insurance:** If the event adds tents, stages, tables, or similar items, the organizer submits a certificate for at least $1,000,000 public liability and property damage naming the Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation, 2565 Park Plaza, Nashville, TN 37203, as additionally insured. Metro Insurance may require more.
4. **Vendor list to Health and Fire:** The Parks special event checklist has the organizer list event vendors (company name and contact), which is submitted to Metro Health and the Nashville Fire Department.
5. **Other event rules:** Organizer submits a cleanup and recycling plan; sanitation deposits run $250 to $5,000 by event size. Events end by 11pm unless the Board approves. Events affecting streets or sidewalks also need a Public Works special event permit. All other Metro, state, and federal permits must be in hand before Parks issues a permit.

Event fee (resident / non-resident)	DTC Zone	Tier A	Tier B	Tier C
Sales of food, beverages or merchandise	$350 / $420	$300 / $360	$150 / $180	$50 / $60

Event fee (resident / non-resident)	DTC Zone	Tier A	Tier B	Tier C
Event with an entry fee to participate or vend	-	$250 / $300	$200 / $240	$100 / $120
Park greenspace fee	-	$236 / $283	$150 / $180	$100 / $120

Fees are charged to the event applicant, per the Parks Special Events Fees sheet. Tier A parks include Centennial, Shelby, Percy Warner, Edwin Warner, Riverfront, Cumberland, East, Sevier, Two Rivers, and Public Square; see the Parks Tiers list for every park. Special Events Office: 615-862-8446, NashvilleParkSpecialEvents@nashville.gov, Mon-Fri 7:30am-4pm, 2565 Park Plaza.

Concession contracts

Longer-term concession rights at specific Parks facilities are awarded through Metro procurement solicitations, for example the Cumberland Park and Centennial Sportsplex Concessions solicitation (2019). Open solicitations are posted by Metro Procurement: https://www.nashville.gov/departments/finance/procurement

Metro Parks sources

- Food Trucks in Metro Parks: https://www.nashville.gov/departments/parks/permits-rentals-and-reservations/food-trucks
- Food Truck Permit Application (PDF): https://www.nashville.gov/sites/default/files/2025-09/FoodTruckPermitApplication2019.pdf?ct=1759159749
- Online Food Truck Permit Application: https://hub.nashville.gov/s/request-type/a0ut0000001GyzpAAC/food-truck-permit-application?language=en_US
- Special Events in Metro Parks: https://www.nashville.gov/departments/parks/permits-rentals-and-reservations/special-events
- Parks Special Events Fees (PDF): https://www.nashville.gov/sites/default/files/2025-12/Parks-Special-Events-Fees.pdf?ct=1767021067
- Parks Tiers (PDF): https://www.nashville.gov/sites/default/files/2025-09/4-Park_Tiers_2020.pdf?ct=1757961687
- Special Event Permit Application (PDF): https://www.nashville.gov/sites/default/files/2025-11/Special-Events-Application-2025.pdf?ct=1762199074
- Special Event Terms and Conditions (PDF): https://www.nashville.gov/sites/default/files/2024-11/Special-Events-Permit-Application-Terms-and-Conditions.pdf
- Parks Approved Fees 2025 (PDF): https://www.nashville.gov/sites/default/files/2025-01/Parks-Approved-Fees-2025.pdf?ct=1737473758
- Metro Code 13.24 (Parks): https://library.municode.com/tn/metro_government_of_nashville_and_davidson_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CD_TIT13STSIPUPL_DIVIGERE_CH13.24PAREFACE

Surrounding Counties

Counties are listed alphabetically. Each starts with the county health department and any county-level rules, followed by every city's permit details.

Cheatham County

Health: Cheatham County Health Dept (TDH), 162 John Mayfield Dr Ste 200, Ashland City, (615) 792-4318. Source: https://www.tn.gov/health/local.html. No county-level food truck permit is posted for unincorporated areas; ask the county.

City	Permit and office	Fee	Documents and fire	Where and when	Contact and source
Ashland City	Mobile Food Service Vehicle permit, Building and Codes, Ordinance #503	$50 per year; renewal $50	COI naming the town if on city property, auto insurance, state health permit, business license. Ashland City Fire Dept inspection after the permit is issued, (615) 792-4531.	City property at set places and hours listed on the city site.	233 Tennessee Waltz Pkwy, (615) 792-6455, amartin@ashlandcitytn.gov. https://www.ashlandcitytn.gov/building/page/mobile-food-vending-rules-and-application
Kingston Springs	Mobile Food Service Vehicle permit, Title 9 Ch. 2	$75 per year	Cheatham County business license, health permit, TDH inspection within 60 days (80% or better), driver's licenses, registration, insurance, photos, property owner letter, Fire Marshal inspection report, alcohol license if any.	A rally is more than 4 trucks.	City Recorder, (615) 952-2110 ext. 3, kreed@kingstonsprings-tn.gov. https://kingstonsprings.net/public-documents-%2F-forms
Pleasant View	Mobile Food Service Vehicle permit, Ordinance 18-38 (2018)	$25 one day, $50 for 30 days, $200 per year	TDH license, local Fire Marshal inspection report, county business license, driver's licenses, photos, registration. COI naming the town for city property; auto insurance.	-	1008 Civic Court, (615) 746-0600. https://townofpleasantview.com/assets/Food-Truck-Application.pdf
Pegram	Mobile Food Service Vehicle Permit, Town Hall. Ordinance 2023-155 added a mobile food vending chapter to Title 9 (first reading May 15, 2023; second reading set June 26, 2023).	$50 per year. The town's application lists $50.00, valid for one year.	Application asks for TDH license number, TN business license county and number, emergency contact, and whether propane is used. A permit packet with the town's rules is issued with it. Town minutes say the ordinance calls for health inspections, fire and safety plans, and grease disposal.	Apply at Town Hall, Mon-Fri 8am-12pm and 1-4pm. Location rules are in the permit packet, available from Town Hall.	308 Hwy 70 E, (615) 646-0773, cityhall@pegram.net. https://www.pegram.net/fees-forms/ ; https://www.pegram.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/pch-mobilefoodservicepermit.pdf ; https://www.pegram.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/TM-Minutes-05-15-2023.pdf

Dickson County

Health: Dickson County Health Dept (TDH), 301 West End Ave, Dickson, (615) 446-2839; White Bluff office, 200 School Rd, (615) 797-5056. Source: https://www.tn.gov/health/local.html. Fire: the City of Dickson Fire Dept inspects mobile food vendors on request, (615) 446-6331 (https://www.cityofdickson.com/fire-marshal). No county fire inspection program for food trucks is posted. No county-level food truck permit is posted for unincorporated areas.

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Dickson	Mobile Food Vendor permit, Office of Planning and Zoning. Municipal Code Title 9 Ch 7, Ord. #1507 (March 2022).	$250 per year, nonrefundable. Valid Jan 1 (or date issued) to 4:30pm Dec 31. Card payments add a fee.	Owner's driver's license, TN business license, TDH health inspection report, fire inspection report from a certified fire marshal (if applicable), liability insurance, notarized Pledge of Compliance and Responsibility. Apply in person during business hours. City Fire Dept inspects on request: bring the truck in operating mode with a menu, 20-30 minutes.	Private commercial or industrial property with written owner permission giving dates and times. City streets and property only under a special event permit. Banned in the Downtown Dickson District except under a special event permit or a city-set time and place. Private catered events allowed on any private property. 10 ft from buildings, vehicles and combustibles. No beer or alcohol. No loud noise or amplification. Civil penalty up to $1,000 per violation. Renew 14 days before it expires.	Planning and Zoning, 600 E Walnut St, (615) 441-9508. Fire (615) 446-6331. https://www.cityofdickson.com/planing-and-zoning ; https://irp.cdn-website.com/fc32ce20/files/uploaded/MOBILE%20FOOD%20VENDOR%20PERMIT%20PACKET.pdf ; https://www.cityofdickson.com/fire-marshal
Charlotte (county seat)	Food truck permit required, contact City Hall for application and fees	Contact City Hall	Contact City Hall	Contact City Hall	City Hall (615) 789-4184 (MTAS city directory). https://www.mtas.tennessee.edu/directories/cities/charlotte
White Bluff	No food truck permit posted	-	-	-	Town code (Feb 2005) has no food truck section. Mayor (615) 797-3131 (MTAS city directory). https://www.mtas.tennessee.edu/directories/cities/white-bluff

City	Permit and office	Fee	Documents and fire	Where and when	Contact and source
Burns	No food truck permit posted	-	-	-	Town code (June 2002) has no food truck section. Town (615) 446-2851 (MTAS city directory). https://www.mtas.tennessee.edu/directories/cities/burns
Vanleer	No food truck permit posted	-	-	-	Town charter has no food truck section. (615) 763-2823 (MTAS city directory). https://www.mtas.tennessee.edu/directories/cities/vanleer
Slayden	No food truck permit posted	-	-	-	Town Recorder (615) 636-3496 (MTAS city directory). https://www.mtas.tennessee.edu/directories/cities/slayden

Maury County

Health: Maury County Health Dept (TDH), 1909 Hampshire Pike, Columbia, (931) 388-5757. Source: https://www.tn.gov/health/local.html. The county posts the TDH guide for temporary food service at fairs and events (2 days or longer; undated): https://www.maurycounty-tn.gov/DocumentCenter/View/602/Permitting-of-Temporary-Food-Service-Establishments-PDF. Business license: County Clerk, 10 Public Square, $15, apply within 20 days of opening (https://www.maurycounty-tn.gov/214/Business-Licenses). Events: the county Emergency Management office has a Mass Gatherings Permit form (https://www.maurycounty-tn.gov/FormCenter/Emergency-Management-31/Mass-Gatherings-Permit-79); a fee may apply. Fire: no county food truck fire program is posted. Columbia and Mount Pleasant fire departments inspect trucks in their cities.

City	Permit and office	Fee	Documents and fire	Where and when	Contact and source
Columbia (county seat)	Mobile Vending permit, Development Services (Planning and Zoning), online permitting portal. Zoning Code 4.3.9.E.6; text amendment and Food Truck Court Standards adopted June 2023; form rev. 6/26/2023.	$50 plus a technology fee	Fire Dept inspection card. Schedule at (931) 560-1740. Written property owner permission (sample agreement on city site).	Temporary Use on private property in CD-4, CD-4C, CD-5, SD-LI, SD-HI and Civic zones. Right-of-way only in marked downtown CD-5 spaces (since July 1, 2023: green spaces daily, yellow spaces First Fridays only), at special events with street closures, or at permitted mass gatherings.	Development Services, 700 N Garden St, (931) 560-1560. https://www.columbiatn.gov/568/Mobile-Vending ; https://columbiatn.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1045/Application---Mobile-Vending-PDF
Mount Pleasant	Mobile Food Service Vehicle permit, online application linked from the city's Specialty Permit page. Ordinance 2020-1051 (Title 9 Ch 7); confirm the ordinance number with the city.	$50 per year; renewal $50 (apply within 5 business days of expiration)	TN business license (city or home county), TDH inspection report 70% or better, driver's license, registration, auto insurance, photos. Asks about fryer or griddle, propane, and shore power. After applying, schedule a city fire inspection at (931) 379-7717 ext 183.	Not stated on the form.	City Hall, 100 Public Square, (931) 379-7717. Planning, 209 Bond St, cbrooks@mtpleasant-tn.gov. https://www.mtpleasant-tn.gov/specialty-permit ; https://form.jotform.com/250776361605055
Spring Hill (part Williamson)	See the Spring Hill row under Williamson County. Same city rules in both counties.	-	-	-	Maury County Business Tax Office (931) 375-5202, listed on https://springhilltn.org/310/Solicitor-Transient-Vendor-Permits

Montgomery County

Health: Montgomery County Health Dept (TDH), 330 Pageant Ln, Clarksville, (931) 648-5747. Source: https://www.tn.gov/health/local.html. Fire: Clarksville Fire Rescue inside the city. Montgomery County Fire Dept outside it, 1 Millennium Plaza Ste 111, (931) 648-5777 (https://montgomerytn.gov/fire); its page shows no food truck inspection program. No county-level food truck permit is posted for unincorporated areas. Clarksville is the only incorporated city.

City	Permit and office	Fee	Documents and fire	Where and when	Contact and source
Clarksville	Transient Vendor permit, Finance and Revenue Dept. Covers food trucks. Renew every year.	$165, nonrefundable, due when you apply	Fire inspection first. Then the application listing all employees, with everyone's ID and the health dept permit. Police run background checks on everyone listed. Proof of a county business license. Fire Rescue Life Safety inspection is required if the truck uses a gas, diesel or propane generator, a Type 1 or 2 hood or suppression system, or propane/CNG. Class K and ABC extinguishers.	Written permission from the property owner. City parks and city events need a separate Parks application, a $1,000,000 COI naming the city, and a peddler's permit.	Finance (931) 645-7435. Fire Prevention, 821 Franklin St, (931) 645-7462, Mon-Fri 8am-4:30pm. https://www.clarksvilletn.gov/924/Permits/ ; https://www.clarksvilletn.gov/DocumentCenter/View/9770 ; https://www.clarksvilletn.gov/DocumentCenter/View/15330

Robertson County

Health: Robertson County Health Dept (TDH), 800 S Brown St, Springfield, (615) 384-0208. Source: https://www.tn.gov/health/local.html. No county-level food truck permit is posted for unincorporated areas; ask the county.

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Springfield	Mobile Food Service Permit, City Clerk, Ordinance 21-09 (2021)	$250 per year (ends Dec 31); $50 one day	Photos, registration with VIN, health permit, TDH inspection 70% or better, COI, fire certificate from Springfield Fire Dept or the State.	Private catering up to 4 hours not open to the public is exempt.	405 N Main St, (615) 382-2200. https://www.springfield-tn.org/543/Mobile-Food-Service-Vehicle-Permit
Greenbrier	Mobile Food Service Vehicle permit (form updated 2024)	$250 per month or $50 per day	TDH inspection 70% or better, driver's licenses, registration with VIN, COI, photos, property owner letter with a 24-hour phone, restroom within 450 ft.	-	2414 Hwy 41 S, (615) 643-4531. https://greenbriertn.org/DocumentCenter/View/543/Food-Truck-Permit-Application-Updated-2024
White House (part)	See the Sumner table	-	-	-	-
Millersville (part)	See the Sumner table	-	-	-	-
Ridgetop (part)	See the Davidson table	-	-	-	-

City	Permit and office	Fee	Documents and fire	Where and when	Contact and source
Coopertown	Mobile Food Service Vehicle permit, City Recorder. Ordinance 2018-022; application dated 7/3/18. Details here are from the town's application and hours/locations sheet.	$50 per calendar year, not prorated; expires Dec 31. Renew before Dec 20.	TDH inspection report 70% or better, driver's license and registration, vehicle insurance, color photos (inside, front, side, rear), spill kit. Asks about fryer or griddle and propane.	Right-of-way only at listed spots on Hwy 49 and Tom Austin Hwy; Town Hall; schools with written permission from Robertson County Schools. Max 3 hours with no restroom within 450 ft; with a restroom, 6am-9pm with owner OK. Private special events max 4 hours. Closed trucks max 2 hours in one spot. No overnight parking.	5153 Burgess Gower Rd, (615) 382-4470. https://www.coopertowntn.org/businesses ; https://irp.cdn-website.com/2e4b432f/files/uploaded/Coopertown%20Food%20Truck%20Permit%20Application%207_3_18.pdf ; https://irp.cdn-website.com/2e4b432f/files/uploaded/For_website_-_hours_and_locations-aad9fe7b.pdf
Cross Plains	No food truck permit posted	-	-	-	(615) 654-2555. Town code has no food truck section. https://crossplainstn.gov/document-library/
Adams	No food truck permit posted	-	-	-	Town code (May 2020) has no food truck section.
Cedar Hill	No food truck permit posted	-	-	-	(615) 696-4802. https://www.cityofcedarhill.org/
Orlinda	No food truck permit posted	-	-	-	City permits page lists building, mechanical, plumbing, driveway, pool and beverage permits only. City Hall (615) 654-3366. https://cityoforlindatn.com/permits/

Rutherford County

Health: Rutherford County Health Dept (TDH), 100 W Burton St, Murfreesboro, (615) 898-7880; Smyrna office (615) 355-6175. Source: https://www.tn.gov/health/local.html. County fire: Rutherford County Fire-Rescue requires a Mobile Food Preparation Vehicle operational permit for trucks with smoke or grease appliances, $50 per vehicle for 1 year, applied for at https://rutherfordcw.tngeo.com/PublicAccess and paid through Building Codes (615) 898-7734. Fire Marshal (615) 907-3600 ext. 1. Source (undated): https://rutherfordcountytn.gov/vertical/sites/%7B0DE57B3C-95FA-46CF-BF78-CE4E5703EB9C%7D/uploads/105.6.30_-_Mobile_Food_Preparation_Vehicles.pdf

City	Permit and office	Fee	Documents and fire	Where and when	Contact and source
Murfreesboro	Mobile Food Service Vehicle permit, Ordinance 24-O-32, form effective Nov 22, 2024. Pick up at Planning, pay at Building and Codes.	$50 for 12 months (confirm with the city)	Insurance required (confirm with the city). City Fire Marshal inspects by appointment.	Restroom within 500 ft if over 3 hours; walk-up service only on the right-of-way. Confirm with the city.	City Hall 111 W Vine St. Fire Marshal (615) 849-2605. https://www.murfreesborotn.gov/928/Food-Truck-Permits
Smyrna	Mobile Food Vendor permit (vendor) and Property Owner permit, Planning, Zoning Ord. Art. IV Sec. 4.030.G	Vendor: $200 plus $10 tech fee. Property owner: $100 per 30 days plus $20 tech fee.	Photos, registration with VIN, health permit, alcohol license if any, business license, COI with motor vehicle coverage, Smyrna Fire Dept inspection. Property owner form is notarized and needs a site plan.	C-2/C-3: same hours as the business on site (7am-9pm if open 24 hours), max 2 trucks, 40 days per parcel per year, leave daily. Residential: 11am-8pm. Canteen 7am-6pm, 1 hour. Ice cream 15 min per stop. $50/day fine if permit not shown.	315 S Lowry St, (615) 459-2553. https://townofsmyrna.org/Documents/Business/Business%20Permits/Mobile%20Food%20Vendor%20Permit%20.pdf
La Vergne	Mobile Food Service Vehicle permit, Codes Department, Ordinance 2026-04	$100 per year (application and renewal)	City and county business licenses, driver's licenses, registration, photos inside and out, auto insurance, TDH inspection report, La Vergne Fire Marshal safety inspection (appointment, (615) 287-5832), sign-off after consulting Codes.	Food truck zone map on the city page.	Codes Department, (615) 287-8670, tlawrence@lavergnetn.gov. https://www.lavergnetn.gov/555/Food-Trucks
Eagleville	No food truck permit posted	-	City lists a peddler's permit only.	-	(615) 274-2922. https://www.eaglevilletn.gov/permits.html

Sumner County

Health: Sumner County Health Dept (TDH), 1005 Union School Rd, Gallatin, (615) 206-1100; Portland office (615) 325-5237. Source: https://www.tn.gov/health/local.html. No county-level food truck permit is posted for unincorporated areas; check the county zoning resolution (effective Dec 8, 2025) and ask the county.

City	Permit and office	Fee	Documents and fire	Where and when	Contact and source
Gallatin	Annual Mobile Food Vendor Permit, Ordinance O2107-45 (amended 2022), Citizens Self Service portal	$130 per year. Operating without a permit can add a $500 fee to later applications.	Form asks for vehicle year, make, VIN, plate, driver's license, and agreement to City Code Ch. 11 Art. IX. A rally of 4 or more trucks needs a separate permit.	Listed hours 5am-11pm. Confirm hours and the full document list with the city.	Codes (615) 451-5968, City Hall (615) 451-5900. https://www.gallatintn.gov/2012/Mobile-Food-Vendors
Hendersonville	Mobile vendor approval, Planning Department, 101 Maple Dr N	Not shown on the checklist	Display business license and health permit.	Commercial districts only. Lot of 1 acre or more, 100 ft from the street, 1,000 ft from other vendors and from a business selling the same items (unless notarized consent). Up to six 1-week periods per year per lot. Trucks staying 1 hour or less fall under the peddler ordinance.	(615) 264-5316, planning@hvilletn.org. https://www.hvilletn.org/DocumentCenter/View/495/Mobile-Vendor-Checklist-PDF
Goodlettsville (part)	See the Davidson table	-	-	-	-
White House (part Robertson)	Mobile Food Vendor Vehicle Permit, Administrative Services, Ordinances 21-15 (2021) and 23-04	$120 per year (prorated). Temporary $50, up to 2 per year.	Registration, auto liability insurance, business license, operator's license. $1,000,000 general liability naming the city to set up on city property. Fire extinguisher certified each year plus a certified suppression system.	8am-10pm. Canteen trucks 7am-6pm, 1 hour per day per spot. Ice cream trucks 9am-sunset. 50 ft from a restaurant door and from residential lot lines. Max 2 trucks per private parcel. Approval can take 2 weeks.	105-D College St. https://www.whitehousetn.gov/354/Mobile-Food-Truck-Vendor and https://www.whitehousetn.gov/DocumentCenter/View/617
Portland	Mobile Food Vendor permit, Ordinance 23-59 (in effect Jan 2024), online form	$100 application plus $250 Full Access (calendar year) or $50 Special Event (3 days, 3 times a year). Not prorated.	Business tax license, property owner letter, proof of insurance, driver's license, fire safety form. Fire Department inspection. Fire/CO alarm required.	7am-10pm. 10 ft between trucks. Residential zones only for HOA, nonprofit, or city events, once a year per neighborhood.	https://www.cityofportlandtn.gov/355/Mobile-Food-Vendors and https://www.cityofportlandtn.gov/DocumentCenter/View/827/Mobile-Food-Vendor-Packet

City	Permit and office	Fee	Documents and fire	Where and when	Contact and source
Millersville (part Robertson)	Food truck vendor permit to set up on city property	Fees waived through Dec 17, 2026	Application and documents reviewed, then a scheduling QR code is issued. The zoning code has a property owner consent template (Appendix E).	City property, by scheduled date.	https://www.cityofmillersville.com/egov/apps/document/center.egov?id=1737&view=detail
Westmoreland	No food truck permit posted	-	City lists a peddler's permit only.	-	https://westmorelandtn.gov/permits-licenses-forms/
Mitchellville	No food truck permit posted	-	-	-	Contact the town directly.

Williamson County

Health: Williamson County Health Dept (TDH), 1324 W Main St, Franklin, (615) 794-1542; Fairview office (615) 799-2389. Source: https://www.tn.gov/health/local.html. Unincorporated county: a Temporary Use Permit may be required; confirm with Williamson County.

City	Permit and office	Fee	Documents and fire	Where and when	Contact and source
Franklin	Mobile Food Vending Permit (one per vehicle, non-transferable), filed with Building and Neighborhood Services and approved by the Zoning Administrator. Location-Specific Mobile Food Permit (one per private property) lets one truck stay on site overnight. Franklin Municipal Code Title 9, Ch. 11.	$100 per vehicle per year. Location-Specific: $200 per property per year. Half price if issued July 1-Dec 31. Nonrefundable. All permits expire Dec 31 with the business license (Appendix A).	Application with menu, vehicle make, model, registration and size, color photos (front, both sides, rear), and cities worked in the last 12 months. Checklist: fire inspection, city and county business license, Williamson County Health Dept permit, government ID, vehicle registration, proof of liability insurance naming the City as additional insured, and the property owner's permission letter. Include a copy of your state fire permit. Location-Specific adds a site plan, clearance from structures (20 ft combustible, 10 ft non-combustible), and a restroom letter.	Private property in office, commercial, industrial, mixed-use, and civic and institutional zones with the owner's written permission, plus HOA events and private residential parties. Not within 10 ft of the public right-of-way or on unimproved lots. No amplified music, no alcohol sales, one sandwich board, keep 4 ft of sidewalk clear. Public property only with a Special Event Permit or City Administrator approval. City parks: by Parks Department proposal and reservation, two trucks per park. No city permit needed for private catering with no individual sales, trucks working only inside a permitted special event, or canteen and ice cream trucks.	Building and Neighborhood Services, 120 9th Ave S (interim office), (615) 791-3217. Email the completed application to usepermitapp@franklintn.gov. https://www.franklintn.gov/government/departments-a-j/building-and-neighborhood-services/zoning-administration-and-inquiries/mobile-food-vendor ; https://www.franklintn.gov/government/departments-a-j/building-and-neighborhood-services/permit-applications-information ; https://library.municode.com/tn/franklin/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR_TIT9BUPESOET_CH11MOFOVE ; https://library.municode.com/tn/franklin/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR_APXACOFEPE

City	Permit and office	Fee	Documents and fire	Where and when	Contact and source
Brentwood	Annual permit, Planning and Codes, Ordinances 2017-01 and 2017-02, apply at brentwood.onlama.com	$50 per year (Jan 1-Dec 31); $100 if caught operating without one. Rally 3-10 trucks $50; more than 10 trucks $350.	Motor vehicle insurance; more coverage set by the city manager on city property.	Commercial zones; residential only for HOA or approved events. 7am-9pm. Canteen 7am-6pm, 1 hour. Ice cream 11am-sunset, 15 min. No public right-of-way unless permitted.	Planning and Codes, (615) 371-2236, allison.roberts@brentwoodtn.gov. https://www.brentwoodtn.gov/Departments/Planning-and-Codes/Planning-Section/Food-Truck-Regulations
Nolensville	Mobile food vending permit, Ordinance 24-18 (Title 9 Ch. 4; effective May 1, 2025, confirm with the town)	$250 per year (Jan-Dec), $50 temporary 3-day. Double fee if no permit.	Photos, registration with VIN, COI with motor vehicle coverage, liability insurance naming the town, Nolensville Fire Marshal inspection.	300 ft from a restaurant unless notarized permission. Restroom within 150 ft if staying. Default hours 7am-8pm.	https://mcclibraryfunctions-stage.azurewebsites.us/api/ordinanceDownload/17240/1363939/pdf
Spring Hill (part Maury)	Temporary Use Permit, Planning. Also listed under Maury County. The city's Solicitor/Transient Vendor Permit (Title 9 Ch 2) may also apply; that page does not name food trucks.	Food truck permit fee not listed. Transient vendor: $10 investigation fee per person plus a $1,000 surety bond or COI naming the city.	Transient vendor: driver's license or state ID, police background check (at least 72 hours).	2024 city minutes describe 100 ft from restaurants and homes and a 1-year permit; confirm with Planning. 2025 UDC changes added food truck courts (2 or more trucks). A March 30, 2026 work session memo proposed suspending court rules during the sewer moratorium (Ord. 25-29): staff could approve up to 2 trucks per property, 3 or more by Planning Commission. Ask Planning whether this was adopted.	City Hall, 199 Town Center Pkwy, Business Tax Clerk (629) 241-8301. https://springhilltn.org/310/Solicitor-Transient-Vendor-Permits ; https://www.springhilltn.org/DocumentCenter/View/4720/Temporary-Use-Permit-Application-2024 ; https://www.springhilltn.org/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_03302026-1950

City	Permit and office	Fee	Documents and fire	Where and when	Contact and source
Thompson's Station	No food truck permit. Land Development Ordinance (effective Dec 18, 2025) defines a food truck and requires a Temporary Use Permit, approved by the Planning Commission, for ancillary and intermittent uses. Apply in the GeoCivix portal.	Not listed	Town business license required. Insurance naming the town may be required; confirm with the town.	Food truck = temporarily on a private lot, no longer than 6 months unless part of an approved site plan. Planning Commission reviews site layout, traffic, parking, hours, noise, restrooms.	https://thompsons-station.gov/sites/default/files/uploads/documents/Community%20Development/LDO/land-development-ordinance-20251218.pdf ; https://thompsons-station.gov/permits
Fairview	Mobile food pantry or food truck permit (fee schedule in city code)	$50 per year	Not listed in the fee schedule; ask the city.	Not listed; ask the city.	City code (July 2024): https://www.mtas.tennessee.edu/system/files/codes/combined/Fairview-code.pdf

Wilson County

Health: Wilson County Health Dept (TDH), 927 E Baddour Pkwy, Lebanon, (615) 444-5325. Source: https://www.tn.gov/health/local.html. No county-level food truck permit is posted for unincorporated areas; ask the county.

City	Permit and office	Fee	Documents and fire	Where and when	Contact and source
Lebanon	Food Truck permit, Business Tax Office, Ordinance 21-6250 (2021)	$100 for 1 year. City fire inspection $50 if no state fire permit.	Business license, health permit, catering license if any, state fire permit if held, written permission for the site, vehicle make, model, and tag.	6am-8pm (plus 1 hour each side to set up and clean up). Must move daily. Up to 2 tables and 8 chairs on private property. Restroom agreement if over 3 hours. City events exempt.	(615) 444-4905. https://www.lebanontn.org/586/Food-Trucks
Mt. Juliet	Mobile Food Vendor Permit (Daily or Annual), Planning and Zoning, Ordinance 2023-31	Not shown on the form	Property owner consent, photos, registration with VIN, state or county health permit, business license, TN State Fire Marshal approval, COI with motor vehicle coverage, restroom agreement if needed, driver's license.	Annual permit if you pay city sales tax, daily if not. Residential events limited to 12 per year.	(615) 773-6283, planning@mtjuliet-tn.gov. https://www.mtjuliet-tn.gov/DocumentCenter/View/4710/Mobile-Food-Vendor-Application

City	Permit and office	Fee	Documents and fire	Where and when	Contact and source
Watertown	Mobile food vendor permit, City Clerk, Title 9 Ch. 9	$50 for 30 days, $200 for 180 days, $350 for 365 days. Not prorated or refundable.	Sworn application, driver's license, TN sales tax certificate of registration, vehicle insurance, $1,000,000 liability naming the city, current health inspection, business license. Fire extinguisher required.	Closed 11pm-6am. 250 ft from a restaurant unless it agrees in writing. 5 ft from other trucks, 10 ft from structures. No public property without approval. No single-family homes. Up to 2 special events a year exempt.	https://watertowntn.com/site/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Watertown-Food-Truck-Section-909.pdf

Verify before you apply

- **State health permit fee:** Confirm the current TDH mobile food unit permit fee with your county health department.
- **Local fire inspections and the state permit:** Clarksville, Columbia, Mount Pleasant, Dickson and other cities list a city fire inspection. If you hold the State Fire Marshal permit, confirm with the city how TCA 68-102-123 applies to you.
- **Metro Parks fee:** Confirm with Metro Parks (615-862-8408) whether a food truck permit fee applies; none is listed on the food truck page or application.
- **Metro Parks greenways:** No greenway-specific food truck rule is posted; confirm with Metro Parks before vending on or at a greenway.
- **Metro Parks locations and schedule:** Confirm current designated vending times and locations with Metro Parks after approval.
- **Metro Parks application form:** Confirm you have the current form; the posted PDF is a 2019 form, and the online application is on hubNashville.
- **Metro Parks fees:** Confirm current-year amounts; the general fee schedule is the 2025 edition.
- **Metro BL2026-1580:** Check the bill's status after the Dec 1, 2026 Council meeting.
- **Murfreesboro:** Confirm the $50 fee, insurance requirement, and restroom and right-of-way rules with the city.
- **Gallatin:** Confirm operating hours (5am-11pm) and the full document list with the city.
- **Oak Hill:** Confirm with the city whether its peddler and transient vendor rules apply to food trucks.
- **Spring Hill:** Confirm distance rules, the permit term, and the status of the March 2026 food truck court proposal with Planning.
- **Franklin fee:** The city code sets $100 per vehicle and $200 per location-specific property, with a note that fees are updated annually. Confirm the current amount and accepted payment methods with Building and Neighborhood Services.
- **Franklin insurance amount:** The code requires liability insurance naming the City as additional insured in amounts set in Appendix A, but no mobile food amount is listed there. Confirm the minimum coverage with the city.
- **Franklin fire inspection:** The city page asks for a copy of the state fire permit and lists the State Fire Marshal inspection; the city code still names the Franklin Fire Marshal. Confirm which inspection the city needs.
- **Franklin forms and office:** The posted applications are marked updated 11/7/2022 and list 109 3rd Ave S, Suite 110 and (615) 794-7012. The city now lists interim offices at 120 9th Ave S and (615) 791-3217. Confirm where to submit and the current forms.
- **Franklin parks:** Park vending is by Parks Department proposal at the director's discretion, with a park fee and insurance not listed. Contact Franklin Parks for current openings, fees, and locations.
- **Thompson's Station:** Confirm insurance requirements with the town.

- **Unincorporated Williamson County:** Confirm with the county whether a Temporary Use Permit applies.
- **Nolensville:** Confirm the effective date of Ordinance 24-18 with the town.
- **Pegram:** Get the current application and permit packet from Town Hall to confirm the fee, required items, and location rules.
- **Coopertown:** Confirm current ordinance terms with the City Recorder.
- **Mount Pleasant:** Confirm the ordinance number with the city.
- **Maury County Mass Gatherings:** Confirm the permit fee with Maury County Emergency Management.
- **Watertown:** Confirm the ordinance adoption date and current version with the City Clerk.
- **Older sources:** Confirm these are current: MPHD plan review (2023), NDOT guidelines (2023), Lebanon (2021), Springfield (2021), White House 21-15 (2021), Pleasant View (2018), Brentwood (2017), Coopertown (2018), Pegram ordinance (2023), Dickson (2022), Columbia (2023), and town codes for Berry Hill (2003), White Bluff (2005), and Burns (2002).
- **Towns with no posted permit:** Belle Meade, Berry Hill, Forest Hills, Oak Hill, Ridgetop, Westmoreland, Mitchellville, Eagleville, Cross Plains, Adams, Cedar Hill, Orlinda, White Bluff, Burns, Vanleer, and Slayden: contact the town before operating.

Main sources

- MTAS: Mobile Food Units and Fire Permits: https://www.mtas.tennessee.edu/system/files/mrln/mknowledge/main/Mobile%20Food%20Units_TCA%2068-102-1%20Summary_%2020240829.pdf
- TDH Environmental Health: https://www.tn.gov/health/eh.html
- TDH local health departments: https://www.tn.gov/health/local.html
- Metro Public Health Food Protection: https://www.nashville.gov/departments/health/environmental-health/food-and-public-facilities/food-protection-services
- NDOT Mobile Food Vendor: https://www.nashville.gov/departments/transportation/permits/mobile-food-vendor
- Metro Parks permits and reservations: https://www.nashville.gov/departments/parks/permits-rentals-and-reservations
- Franklin Mobile Food Vendor: https://www.franklintn.gov/government/departments-a-j/building-and-neighborhood-services/zoning-administration-and-inquiries/mobile-food-vendor
- State Fire Marshal licensing: https://www.tn.gov/commerce/fire/permit/licensing.html

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