

Mobile Food Vendor Changes

What local health departments need to know about new legislation and Health and Safety Code 437B

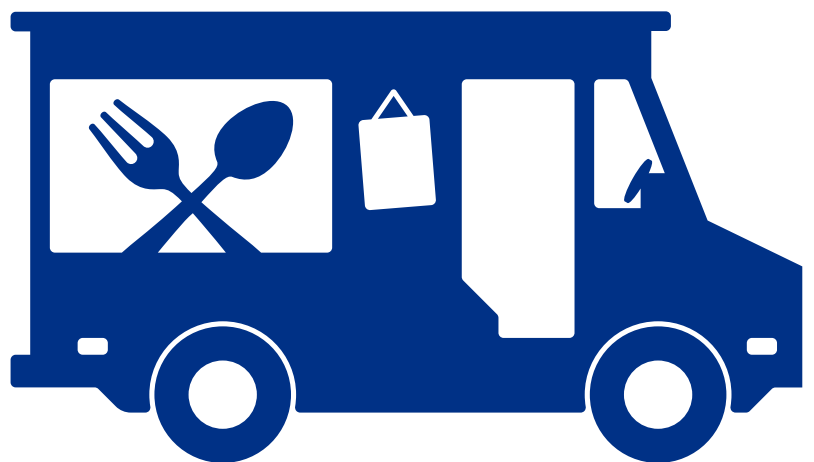
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- All mobile food vendors (MFVs) operating in Texas must be licensed through the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS).
- Wherever they operate, MFVs still need to comply with all state and local laws, such as fire codes, location restrictions, and zoning codes.
- Local authorities cannot prohibit an MFV operating in their jurisdictions if the MFV has a license through DSHS and complies with all state and local laws.
- DSHS will handle enforcement related to Health and Safety Code 437B.

While DSHS processes new applications, mobile food vendors can operate using their existing license as long as they have submitted a state application and paid applicable licensing fees. They must keep a printed copy of their pending state application on their food vending vehicle.

Non-licensed vendors, complaints, and questions about rules or the Mobile Food Vendor Program should be directed to MobileFoodVendor@dshs.texas.gov.*

*If your jurisdiction has entered into a collaborative agreement with DSHS, you will receive training on operations as part of the MFV Inspection Program.



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