

## KEY LICENSES AND PERMITS FOR MOBILE FOOD VENDORS

- **Food Truck Permit:** Required to legally operate a food truck; issued by the city or county.
- **Mobile Vendor Permit:** Necessary for selling food from a mobile platform; issued locally.
- **Health Department Permit:** Ensures food safety and sanitation standards; issued by local health departments.
- **Business License:** Grants legal operation of the business; obtained from local business licensing offices.
- **Fire Department Inspection Certificate:** Confirms compliance with fire safety regulations (e.g., proper fire extinguishers and equipment functionality).
- **Employer Identification Number (EIN):** Required if you plan to hire employees. This number ensures legal tax filings and compliance.

### Additional Requirements:

- **Commissary Agreement:** Contract with a commercial kitchen for food preparation and storage (required in most states).
- **Mobile Food Vendor Inspection:** Periodic health and safety inspections of the truck.

### Issuing Agencies:

- Local city or county health departments
- Fire departments
- Local business licensing offices

### Costs:

- Typically range from \$100 to \$1,000 depending on location and scope of the business.

### Renewal Frequency:

- **Annually:** Most permits need to be renewed once a year.

### Additional Notes:

- **Liability Insurance:** Strongly recommended for protection against potential claims.
- **Zoning Permits:** May be needed depending on operating zones and location restrictions.