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# Mobile Unit Plan Review Application

Mesa County Health Department must review and approve your completed Plan Review Packet **prior** to the beginning of construction or extensive remodeling of your facility. The plan review process is used to verify that the proposed establishment or remodel meets the requirements of the *Colorado Retail Food Establishment Rules and Regulations*. Plans should be approved prior to purchasing equipment and starting construction to avoid costly changes that may be required.

## Step 1 – Submission of Plans

Please use the following checklist when submitting all the necessary items with your completed packet. Allow up to **two weeks** for your plan review to be processed. Lack of complete information may delay the review and plan approval.

- Plan Review Fee:** \$100 plan review fee must be submitted to our office which covers 90 minutes of time to review your application. Please note, additional time will be billed at \$60 per hour with a maximum of \$580 in plan review fees.
- Water Heater Sizing:** Please attach the water heater sizing worksheet to the plan review application, which is available on our website: [www.health.mesacounty.us/environment](http://www.health.mesacounty.us/environment).
- Menu and Operations:** Provide a copy of your menu and as much detail as possible about your proposed retail food establishment operations.

## Step 2 – License Application

Use the following checklist in order to obtain a Colorado Retail Food Establishment License.

- Plan Approval Letter:** After your plan review is approved, an approval letter will be sent to you to provide to other agencies as needed.
- Opening Inspection:** Prior to granting approval to open and operate, the Health Department must conduct an opening inspection. A **three-day notice** is requested for scheduling the opening inspection. All equipment must be installed and ready to use. All refrigeration must be running and be equipped with visible thermometers. Soap and paper towels must be provided at each handsink. Food thermometers, sanitizer test strips, and sanitizer products should also be available.
- License Fee:** The license fee depends on the type and size of your operation. The fee is due at the opening inspection. Licenses are valid from the date of issue until December 31 of the same year. License fees are not pro-rated.
- Sale Tax Number:** A sales tax number is required unless your business is a documented non-profit or provides only food for consumption at home (i.e. grocery store).
- HB 1023 form:** HB 1023 forms are *only* required when the business owner is established as an individual or sole proprietor. The owner will need to provide a driver's license to be copied.



# MESA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Application Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Planned Opening: \_\_\_\_\_

## MOBILE UNIT PLAN REVIEW FORM

### ESTABLISHMENT INFORMATION

Name of Mobile Unit:		Phone:	
Type of Unit:	Mobile (Trailer/Food Catering Truck)	Push Cart	Self-Contained Unit <sup>1</sup>
Address:		Cell:	
City:		Fax:	
State/Zip:	Email:		
County:			
Website/Facebook Page:			

### OWNERSHIP INFORMATION

Individual(s) or Corporate Name:		Phone:	
Mailing Address:		Cell:	
City:		Fax:	
State/Zip:	Email:		

### CONTACT INFORMATION ( CHECK IF SAME AS ABOVE )

Name of Primary Contact:		Phone:	
Address:		Cell:	
City/State/Zip:		Email:	

### LICENSING INFORMATION

Has your mobile unit been previously licensed in Colorado?	YES	NO
If yes, provide the following information		
Year:	County license issued in:	Sales Tax ID Number:

### DAYS AND HOURS OF OPERATION

Days	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Hours	to	to	to	to	to	to	to

### CHECK ALL MONTHS YOU PLAN TO OPERATE

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
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### PROJECTED DAILY MAXIMUM NUMBER OF MEALS TO BE SERVED, WHERE APPLICABLE

Breakfast		Lunch		Dinner	
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What is the maximum number of staff working on the unit?

<sup>1</sup>- Self-Contained Mobile Unit:, See definition and additional requirements in Annex page 4.

<sup>2</sup>- Prepackaged Only: For operations that offer prepackaged foods only, please complete page 1, provide a menu, and contact your Local Public Health Agency.

**Below is a checklist of required information needed to complete the plan review.  
Please ensure all information is included.**

**\*\*Lack of complete information will delay review and plan approval.\*\***

	Menu		Table 5: Hot Holding Units
	Table 1: Food Handling Procedures		Table 6: Manual Warewashing
	Floor Plan/Equipment Layout		Table 7: Water Heater
	Table 2: Finish Schedule		Water Supply Information
	Table 3: Ventilation		Wastewater Tank/Disposal Information
	Equipment Specifications		Commissary Agreement
	Table 4: Refrigeration/Freezer Capacity		

**I. MENU AND FOOD HANDLING PROCEDURES**

- A. Submit a complete menu.
- B. Check all the food handling procedures that apply and indicate the location where they will take place in *Table 1* below.

<b>TABLE 1 FOOD HANDLING PROCEDURES</b>				
Procedure	Y	N	<i>If yes, indicate where procedure will take place</i>	
			Commissary	Mobile
Will produce be washed?				
Will frozen foods be thawed?				
Will foods be prepared in advance? <i>(e.g. sliced, chopped, etc.)</i>				
Will food be cooked?				
Will food be rapidly cooled?				
Will food be rapidly reheated?				
Will food be held hot?				
Will food be held cold?				

**\*\* Food shall be obtained from approved sources that comply with the applicable laws relating to food and food labeling.\*\***

**\*\*Preparation of food or storage of any items related to the operation is prohibited in a personal home.\*\***

1. How will bare hand contact with ready-to-eat foods be prevented during preparation? Check all that apply.

Utensils

Gloves

Deli Tissue

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**II. FLOOR PLAN/EQUIPMENT LAYOUT:**

A. Submit a floor plan drawn to scale that includes the location and identification of all equipment, plumbing fixtures and storage areas, including but not limited to the items listed below. Check all that apply to the mobile unit. **NOTE:** All equipment related to the operation must be of commercial design that is certified or classified for sanitation by an American National Standards Institute (ANSI) certification program or a design that is approved by the Department.

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|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Handsinks              | Ventilation                     |
| Food Preparation Sinks | Water Heater                    |
| Warewashing Sinks      | Water Supply Tank               |
| Mop Sink               | Wastewater Tank                 |
| Storage Area           | Drainage Pipes                  |
| Refrigeration Units    | Outdoor Cooking Equipment       |
| Hot Holding Units      | Spare Tires, Tools, Hoses, etc. |

**III. PHYSICAL FACILITIES**

A. Complete the finish schedule in *Table 2* below to indicate interior finishes for the mobile unit.

TABLE 2 FINISH SCHEDULE						
Floors			Walls		Ceiling	
Material	Finish	Type of Base	Material	Finish	Material	Finish
<i>Stainless</i>	<i>Example Smooth</i>	<i>Rubber Cove</i>	<i>FRP</i>	<i>Example Smooth</i>	<i>Stainless</i>	<i>Example Smooth</i>

B. **Windows and Doors:** To prevent the entry of pests, outer openings must be protected.

1. Are windows and doors screened?    YES    NO    N/A, unit is a push cart

If no, please describe how the unit will be protected from pest entry:

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2. Are service windows self-closing?    YES    NO    N/A, unit is a push cart

If no, please describe how the unit will be protected from pest entry:

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C. **Ventilation:** *If the mobile unit is enclosed and grease-cooking is conducted, such as cooking meats on a stove top or deep frying, a Type 1 hood is required.*

1. If applicable, provide specification sheets for the exhaust hood and fan, and provide the hood information in *Table 3* below. Provide the size in feet (*length x width*) of hood. Include manufacturer’s recommended exhaust flow in cubic feet per minute (CFM)s.

TABLE 3 VENTILATION		
Hood Type (Type 1 or Type 2)	Dimensions (feet) of Hood (length x width)	Exhaust Flow (CFM)
	X	

**IV. EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS:**

- A. Submit equipment specification sheets, including make and model numbers. All equipment must be of commercial design, certified by an ANSI accredited certification program, or a design approved by the department. If the specification sheet lists more than one piece of equipment, identify the specific equipment to be used.
- B. Provide information on refrigeration/freezer capacities and hot holding units by completing *Table 4* and *Table 5* below.

TABLE 4 REFRIGERATION / FREEZER CAPACITY		
TYPE OF UNIT	# OF UNITS PROVIDED	TOTAL CUBIC FEET
Reach-in Cooler (under counter)		
Reach-in Cooler (stand up)		
Open Top Sandwich Cooler		
Reach-in Freezer (under counter)		
Reach-in Freezer (stand up)		
Other cold holding storage:		

TABLE 5 HOT HOLDING UNITS	
TYPE OF UNIT	# OF UNITS PROVIDED
Steam Tables	
Hot Box	
Cook & Hold Units	
Other hot holding storage:	

**V. UTENSILS AND WAREWASHING**

A. Where will utensil washing take place? (Check all that apply)

- Commissary 3-compartment sink
- Commissary mechanical dishwasher
- Mobile unit 3-compartment sink

B. If utensil/equipment washing will take place on the mobile unit, provide specifications for the 3-compartment sink in *Table 6* below.

TABLE 6 MANUAL WAREWASHING				
LENGTH (inches) OF SOILED DRAINBOARD	DIMENSIONS (inches) OF SINK COMPARTMENTS			LENGTH (inches) OF CLEAN DRAINBOARD
	LENGTH	WIDTH	DEPTH	

**\*\*Sink compartments must be large enough to accommodate the largest piece of equipment or utensil used.\*\***

**VI. WATER SYSTEMS:**

A. Please provide plumbing diagrams or schematics showing location of water heater, plumbing fixtures, water supply and wastewater tanks, drain lines and water inlets/outlets on the floor plan.

B. Hot Water

1. How will hot water be provided to plumbing fixtures on the unit? (Check all that apply)

- Water Heater
- Passive System / Heat Exchanger (eg. water is heated as it passes by the heating element)
- Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

2. If a water heater is installed, complete *Table 7* below.

TABLE 7 WATER HEATER			
Make	Model #	KW/BTU Rating	Tank Capacity

**C. Water Supply Information**

1. Provide location where water will be obtained below:

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Business Name	Street Address	City	State/Zip
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2. Provide water supply tank capacity (in gallons): \_\_\_\_\_
3. Provide the maximum number of hours operating between filling water supply tank: \_\_\_\_\_
4. What plumbing fixtures will be present on the mobile unit? (Check all that apply)
- 3-compartment sink (Indicate number of sinks): \_\_\_\_\_
  - Handsink (Indicate number of sinks): \_\_\_\_\_
  - Food preparation sink (Specify dimensions in inches LxWxD): \_\_\_\_\_
  - Pre-rinse sprayer
  - Utensil soak sink
  - Mop sink
  - Dishmachine
  - Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**D. Wastewater Tank/Disposal Information**

1. Provide location where wastewater will be disposed of below:

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Business Name	Street Address	City	State/Zip
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2. Provide wastewater tank capacity (in gallons): \_\_\_\_\_  
**NOTE: The wastewater tank must be at least 15% larger than water supply tank.**
3. Prevention of contamination to water supply: How will you ensure there is no cross-connection between the drinking water and waste water tanks and hoses?  
(Check all that apply)
- Drinking water inlet above waste outlet
  - Different colored or sized hoses
  - Different colored or sized removable tanks
  - Different threads on inlet and outlet
  - Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_



## COMMISSARY AGREEMENT

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

I, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Commissary Owner/Operator) (Commissary Establishment Name)

located at \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Address of Establishment, City, State, Zip)

give my permission to \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Mobile Unit Owner/Operator) (Name of Mobile unit)

to use my kitchen facilities to perform the following tasks on their operational days:  
 Preparation of food such as produce, cutting meats/seafood, cooking, cooling, reheating  
 Warewashing  
 Filling water tanks  
 Dumping waste water  
 Storage of foods, single service items, and cleaning agents  
 Service and cleaning of equipment  
 Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

A **Commissary Use Log** will be maintained and made available to the department upon request.  
 Indicate how and where the commissary use log will be maintained:

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Commissary Water Supply:  
 Public Private Public Water System ID Number (PWSID#) \_\_\_\_\_

Commissary Sanitary Sewer Service:  
 Public Private

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Commissary Owner/Operator)

Commissary Contact phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Commissary Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

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*This Commissary Agreement is valid for this calendar year only*





## **Annex: Mobile Unit General Requirements**

**NOTE:** The following list of requirements has been provided to assist with frequently asked questions specific to mobile unit plan reviews. The list does not represent the entirety of the requirements. Mobile retail food establishments must comply with all the requirements provided in Chapter 9 of the *Colorado Retail Food Establishment Rules and Regulations*.

### **I. HANDWASHING SINKS**

- A. Handwashing sinks must be capable of providing a hands-free, continuous flow of 100° F water delivered under pressure.
- B. Handwashing sinks must be easily accessible at all times and used for no other purpose.

### **II. VENTILATION**

- A. If the mobile unit is enclosed (floors, hard sided walls, ceiling) and grease-cooking is conducted (i.e. cooking meats on a stove top or deep frying), then a Type 1 hood is required.
- B. A single smoker, grill, or oven may be used outside the unit, provided that all foods are prepared, assembled, and served from within the mobile unit and not from the external piece of cooking equipment.

### **III. WATER SUPPLY**

- A. Water must be obtained from an approved source, as described in Section 5-101 of the *Colorado Retail Food Establishment Rules and Regulations*.
- B. For pushcarts, the water supply tank must have a minimum capacity of at least five gallons.
- C. For mobile units equipped with a three-compartment warewashing sink, the water supply must be sized to adequately fill warewashing sinks at least every four hours of operation.
- D. The mobile unit must supply three gallons of water to each handwashing sink for each hour of operation. For example, a mobile unit operating for six hours must have a minimum of 18 gallons of drinking water available just for the hand sink. Water can be provided through additional food grade containers if approved by the Department.
- E. Adequate water pressure must be provided to all fixtures at all times.
- F. Only food-grade hoses can be used to fill or transfer drinking water to or within a mobile unit.

### **IV. WASTEWATER**

- A. All wastewater (except water from clean ice) must be contained in a permanently installed holding tank that is at least 15% larger than the water supply tank.
- B. Wastewater from the holding tank must be disposed in an approved sanitary sewer system (e.g. toilet or plumbed drain) daily. The wastewater holding tank must never be emptied onto the ground or in the storm drainage system.
- C. When using wastewater containers that are not attached to the unit, they must be clearly marked and used for no other purpose.

- D. All connections to the wastewater holding tank must be of a different size or type than the connections to the water supply tank in order to prevent a cross-connection between drinking water and wastewater.
- E. The connections that release or catch wastewater must be located below the connections on the water supply tank in order to prevent contamination of the supply tank.

## V. DEFINITIONS

- A. **Mobile Retail Food Establishment:** Means a retail food establishment that is a wheeled vehicle or trailer that is readily moveable and designed for the service of food from the *interior* of the unit that is intended to physically report to and operate from a commissary for servicing, restocking, and maintenance each operating day.
- B. **Push Cart:** Means a retail food establishment that is a non-motorized unit designed so foods are served from the *exterior* of the unit, which is intended to physically report to and operate from a commissary for servicing, restocking and maintenance each operating day. Pushcarts shall be limited to cooking approved menu items and serving commercially prepared or commissary prepared food that will result in simple assembly.
- C. **Self-Contained Mobile Unit:** Means a licensed mobile retail food establishment that is approved to operate without a commissary. It is not connected to fixed utilities (i.e. water, sewer, and electricity) and it is required to report to an approved servicing location for sewage disposal and water.

### Additional Requirements for Self-Contained Mobile Retail Food Establishments

**NOTE: Mobile retail food establishments must use a commissary unless:**

- A. A pre-approved facility is provided and used to supply drinking water to the unit and for the disposal of wastewater generated by the unit.
- B. The mobile unit's drinking water system and waste retention system is sufficiently sized, operated properly to serve the needs of the unit, and liquid waste is emptied only at service locations that have been approved by the Department.
- C. Adequate storage areas are provided within the mobile unit for all food, dry goods, single-service articles, and cleaning supplies.
- D. Adequate facilities are provided for food preparation; cleaning and sanitizing of equipment and utensils; storage of additional food, equipment, utensils, and other supplies; and other servicing operations.
- E. Adequate facilities, as required by the menu, are provided, including hand sink, food preparation sink, ware-washing facilities, mop sink, mechanical refrigeration, and any other necessary equipment.
- F. A written operational plan is submitted for the mobile unit demonstrating that its operation as a self-contained unit can be accomplished in compliance with the Colorado Retail Food Establishment Rules and Regulations. Review and approval of the operational plan must include the menu and standard operating procedures for the unit. After an operational plan is approved, any additions or changes to the plan must be approved by the Department prior to implementation. The approved operational plan must be available on the mobile unit at all times.