



City of Dunnellon - Community Development

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GUIDELINES FOR MOBILE FOOD VENDORS

The City of Dunnellon (the “City”) allows mobile food vendors to operate in the city without a permit. Each mobile food vendor (“Vendor”) is required to abide by the guidelines and references set forth on this page when operating within the city limits. Certain items must be displayed on the mobile food vehicle, and vendors must comply the City and State guidelines during operation.

Selling fresh fruits and vegetables only is allowed without a permit from any authority.

Regulatory Authorities:

1. Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

The [Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services](#) (FDACS) regulates mobile food establishments that sell only prepackaged foods or non-potentially hazardous food items, including:

- Foods that are not temperature controlled for safety, including ice confections, coffee, tea, soft drinks, pastry products, popcorn and candies;
- Raw fish products that include no processing on site; and
- Fresh-squeezed juice meeting specific requirements.

2. Department of Business and Professional Regulation

The [Department of Business and Professional Regulation](#) (DBPR) regulates mobile food establishments that sell prepared on-site, ready to consume food products. Examples include hot dog carts and food trucks.

3. City of Dunnellon

View the City of Dunnellon’s Ordinance for Mobile food Dispensing Vehicles here:

[Ordinance No. 2024-01 | Code of Ordinances | Dunnellon, FL | Municode Library](#)

The ordinance details the permissible locations, requirements for operation, and prohibitions such as not operating from vacant lots. Written permission from the property owner must be obtained and kept on site during operation.

To verify if a location is within the permitted B-2, B-3 or B-4 zones for mobile food vehicles, view the zoning map or enter a specific address into the City’s GIS map here: [City of Dunnellon \(arcgis.com\)](#).

Vendors must obtain a City [Business Tax Receipt](#).