

Ice Cream Truck Guidelines



1. The vehicle must be clean, inside and out, painted, and in good condition. The service window for customers must be on the curbside of the vehicle.
2. The vehicle must be equipped with left and right outside rear view mirrors along with two wide-angle mirrors, one located in the front and one located in the back of the vehicle.
3. The vehicle must be equipped with signs reading WATCH FOR CHILDREN and/or STOP FOR CHILDREN in 5" letters on both the front and the back of the vehicle. It is recommended that signs be present on all four sides of the vehicle.
4. The vehicle must have the business name and permit number permanently affixed on both sides in 3" letters. Newly assigned permit numbers must be provided on both sides of the vehicle within 24 hours of permit approval.
5. All vehicles must be equipped with operable four-way hazard lights and at least one permanently affixed flashing amber light on the top of the vehicle.
6. Chapter 30-2 of City Code prohibits the use of mechanical loudspeakers or sound amplifiers on trucks or other moving vehicles for the purpose of advertising any show, sale, or display of merchandise. Vehicles will not be permitted with a sound generating device attached.
7. It is recommended that a shield be installed along the rear bumper to prohibit children from standing or jumping on it.
8. Floors and floor coverings must be constructed of a smooth and durable material, such as linoleum or metal, and must be easily cleanable. Carpeting of any type is strictly prohibited. The use of anti-slip floor covering will be allowed.
9. Walls and ceilings must be smooth, easily cleanable and non-absorbent. No carpet or exposed, raw wood is allowed.
10. All equipment must be mounted and properly secured to eliminate unsafe conditions.
11. Food storage units must be clean, in good repair, and properly designed to maintain the food product at 0° F or below. A visible thermometer must be provided.

12. All ice cream must be pre-wrapped, sealed, labeled and obtained from an approved source.
13. Pre-packaged candy, chips and soft drinks must be sold in single portion units.
14. If soft drinks are cooled on wet ice, a retention tank must be provided for drainage purposes and must be disposed of at a designated service site.
15. A trash receptacle must be available to the customer from the outside of the vehicle.
16. A commissary is required. If the owner does not own an approved commissary, a Commissary Approval Form must be secured from the Consumer Health Division and must be filled out by the commissary owner, signed and notarized.
17. The vehicle must be returned to the commissary daily for servicing and loading of food products.
18. Copies of the Mobile Food Service Permit must be retained on the vehicle at all times.
19. All drivers must possess a current Texas Drivers License, Texas license plate and a Texas safety inspection sticker.
20. Vendors shall not sell, distribute, or offer for sale, any products or services within two city blocks or 600 feet, whichever is greater, of the grounds of any public, private, parochial, elementary or secondary school between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on days when school is in session.
21. Vendors shall limit their hours to true daylight, which is defined as 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset. Those units legally operating inside a park in accordance with Park Department approval may continue to operate during the hours set by the Parks and Recreation Department.

Note: Park Department Information-

1. Chapter 50-156 prohibits selling food and drink concessions on park property without a contract with the Park and Recreation Department.
2. Contact the Parks & Recreation Department if interested in receiving more information concerning a food and drink concession contract.