



## MOBILE FOOD LICENSE

Ohio Law requires every person who intends to prepare or serve food from a movable vehicle, portable structure or watercraft that routinely changes location, obtain a Mobile Food Operation License. Ohio Law also requires that every Mobile Food Operation comply with the applicable sections of the Ohio Administrative Code 3717-1. For more information on Mobile Food Operation see **Mobile Food Service Fact Sheet** and **Mobile Food Establishment Fact Sheet** at [www.starkhealth.org](http://www.starkhealth.org) click on environmental health; then food safety; then food licensing information.

Food code states, "The operator of a mobile food service operation shall make application for a license to the board of health of the health district in which the operator's business headquarters are located. The operator of a mobile food service operation whose business address is located outside of Ohio shall make application for a license to the board of health having jurisdiction over the operator's first Ohio location in any one licensing year. A food service license issued to an operator of a mobile food service operation by an approved health district, as provided in Chapter 3717 of the Revised Code, shall be recognized by all other licensors in this state."

### How to Obtain a Mobile Food License:

Before operating a new mobile food unit, you must submit a **Mobile Food License Application & Checklist** to the Stark County Health Department. This can be found on our website [www.starkhealth.org](http://www.starkhealth.org) click on environmental health; then food safety; then food licensing information.

Once the application is approved by the Stark County Health Department Environmental Health Specialist, you must submit the fee for the mobile food license to the Stark County Health Department. Prior to licensing your unit, you must contact this office at least ten (10) days before your first day of operation to schedule a pre-operational inspection.

**An inspection of your mobile unit is required prior to a license being issued. Please call the Food Safety Program at (330) 493-9904 to schedule the pre-license/operational inspection or if you have questions.**

**If you are planning to build a mobile unit and want a license from this department, please contact the Food Safety Program at (330) 493-9904 prior to construction.**