

Food Permits and Farmers Market Vendors

Following is a table with food categories and permits that are required in the City of Austin

Food Product	Comments
Fresh Produce i.e. whole fresh fruits, vegetables, unshelled nuts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No MFV Permit required • Sampling Permit required if offering shelled nuts, slicing or cutting product for customer
Farm Eggs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farm Eggs sold at the Market directly to consumers must have a restricted mobile vending permit issued by the Health Department and kept 45 degrees F or less in a cooler. • There is no fee for this permit, however the application fee must be paid
Commercially, Prepackaged, non-potentially hazardous foods except frozen foods. i.e. jams, jellies, shelled nuts, honey, non-potentially hazardous baked goods, bottled non-potentially hazardous beverages, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These products must be processed and packaged at approved and permitted facilities. • No MFV Permit is required • Products must be labeled. • A sampling permit is required, unless samples are prepackaged at the permitted facility and provided to the customer in the package.
Prepackaged Potentially hazardous foods and frozen foods i.e. sandwiches, kolaches, cheesecake, cheese, frozen meats, ice cream, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restricted MFV Permit required • These products must be processed and packaged at approved and permitted facilities. • Products must be labeled and must meet TFER rules for time, kept hot or cold as required. • Sampling permit is required unless all samples are prepackaged at the permitted facility and provided to the customer in the package.

<p>Foods Prepared on Site and all open foods i.e. breakfast tacos, bulk shelled nuts to be purchased by the pound, smoothies, sausage wraps, etc.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permitted as an Unrestricted Mobile Vending Unit. • The permit holder must operate from a permitted commissary for storage of food, water supply and wastewater disposal, cleaning of the unit. • Must operate from a permitted, enclosed unit with required sinks • Additional sampling permit is not required • This permit is good through out the City of Austin for one year. <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permitted as a Farmers Market Single Special Event • Must operate from a Permitted Food Establishment for any off site food preparation, servicing and storage of food and utensils • All Booth staff must have a certified Food Manager or City of Austin Food Handler Registration • On site setup must meet Temporary Event Requirements • Permits are good at one market, one day per week. Permits may be purchased per day or 14 weeks (1 day/week)
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City of Austin Sampling Permit

- Available for Certified Farmers Markets in the City of Austin only
- Required for sampling of an open food product such as cubed cheese, raw sliced fruit or vegetable, ice cream, jams or jellies spooned on a cracker or spooned from the jar; PHF beverages poured into a disposable cup.

- Samples that have been packaged at the commissary, held at required time/temperatures if a PHF and provided to a customer in the packaging are not required to have a sampling permit.
- A vendor with a Restricted Mobile Vending Permit may offer a non-PHF food product served from a squeeze bottle, which has been filled at the permitted food establishment and dispensed by the vendor directly onto a disposable utensil would not require a sampling permit.
- This permit is not intended to allow for on-site food preparation other than simple cutting, slicing or spooning of a food product.

City of Austin Fees

Mobile Food Vendor Permits

Application Fee	\$125.00/year
Re-inspection (Mobile)	\$125.00
Unrestricted/Unit	\$210.00/year
Restricted/Unit	\$ 90.00/year

Fire Inspection Fee

Fire re-inspection Fee	\$125.00/year
	\$75.00

Certified Farmer's Market

Sampling Permit	\$210.00/year
Single Special Event	
1 day @ 1 market /1 Week	\$35.00
1 day @1 market per week/14 Weeks	\$490.00