

## **PUSH CART REQUIREMENTS**

1. Submit plans and drawings for the cart (including construction materials) with appropriate fee.
2. Submit a food permit application and the appropriate fee.
3. Submit a commissary agreement (see attached).
4. Submit, for approval, a list of items to be sold. All menu items must be cooked on pushcart, no additional equipment will be allowed. Due to the nature of the limitations of a pushcart operation, the Health Department may limit menu items that can be sold.
5. Supply the push cart with the following:
  - A. location for set up that is on a solid foundation (asphalt or concrete);
  - B. mechanical refrigerator on pushcart and one freestanding if needed all must maintain 41 or below (when required);
  - C. mechanical hand washing method;
  - D. covering of some type (typically an umbrella);
  - E. covered waste can;
  - F. thermometers to check cooking temperatures or refrigeration.
  - G. An approved method for preparing and cooking the food products;
  - H. If Category II operation must have an employee who is a certified food protection manager, if Category III operation employees must have food handlers license.
6. Operating Requirements
  - A. Pushcart cooking equipment must be capable of rapidly heating potentially hazardous foods to proper temp required.
  - B. Food and food items must be elevated above the ground/floor at least 6 inches.
  - C. Extra utensils must be brought clean and protected to the vending site each day.
  - D. All potentially hazardous foods must be maintained at 41 or below or 135 or above
  - E. All potentially hazardous foods cooked or hot held on site must be discarded at the end of the 4-hour operation.
  - F. All liquid waste shall be disposed of into public sewers or approved location in commissary agreement. No discharging to the ground surface or storm sewers.
7. After meeting Health Department requirements and passing a probationary inspection, a probationary permit may be obtained to operate for a two-week period. At the end of the probationary period, an opening inspection will be conducted to see if an annual permit will be issued.

For questions about push cart requirements in Jackson County, please contact the Environmental Health Division at (618) 684-3143, ext. 128.

*\*\*Be advised municipalities you intend to operate in may have separate requirements for push carts to operate.*