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**Town of Arlington**

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**Town of Arlington By-law- Mobile Food Vendors  
ARTICLE 6: MOBILE FOOD VENDORS  
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**Definitions.** “Mobile food vendor,” a mobile operation that stores, prepares, packages, serves, vends or otherwise provides food for human consumption either on or off premises, regardless of whether there is a charge for the food.

**Permits.** No one may operate as a Mobile Food Vendor within the Town without a permit from the Arlington Board of Health. Any person applying for a permit must be duly licensed to operate a motor vehicle in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or duly licensed in the state in which they reside. The operator of the vehicle must provide a valid State Hawker’s license issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts before a Permit to Operate a Mobile Food Vehicle will be issued.

**Vehicles.** Mobile food vendor operations shall have identification, such as person’s name and/or business name, city and telephone number in letters not smaller than three inches, on the left and right door panels of the vehicle or on the left and right sides of the trailer. Any hawker who sells frozen desserts from a motor vehicle must equip said vehicle with a flashing amber dome light and front and rear warning lights which shall flash alternately and which shall be kept flashing when such vehicle is stopped for the purpose of selling frozen desserts, in accordance with Chapter 101, section 16A, of the Massachusetts General Laws.

**Operation.** Mobile Food Vendors operating within the Town may not:

- (1) stand in one place in any public place or street for more than ten minutes unless actively vending;
- (2) vend within 150 feet of any school between the hours of 8:00AM and 3:00PM on school days during the school year;
- (3) stop or remain on any crosswalk;
- (4) park or remain within fifteen feet of any intersection;
- (5) vend in the parking lot of the Arlington Reservoir (bathing beach) located on Lowell Street at any time;
- (6) drive in reverse in order to make or attempt a sale; or
- (7) vend after 8:00PM or sunset, whichever is later, except for sporting events at illuminated Town fields.



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Temporary Mobile Food Vendor Permit Application

Fee: \$100.00

Name of Vehicle: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Operator: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

(If different from owner)

Operator's State Hawkers License #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Attach copy of License)

Base of Operation: \_\_\_\_\_

(Must be a licensed food establishment)

Type of Vehicle: \_\_\_\_\_ Plate Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Event Details

Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Hours of operation: \_\_\_\_\_

Food Details

List all food/beverages to be served (non listed items will not be permitted): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Certified Food Manager: \_\_\_\_\_

(Attach certificate)

NOTE: If this application is for an ice cream truck, the operator must provide a copy of his/her ice cream truck vending permit issued by either the Arlington Police Department or the police department in the town in which he /she resides.

Signature of applicant

Date