

THE FOOD TRUCK WEBINAR WILL START SHORTLY

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INTRODUCTIONS & LOGISTICS



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FOOD TRUCK PROGRAM

The County has implemented the Hub Program to:

- Increase food option access
- Encourage community revitalization and economic development
- Promote entrepreneurship





FOOD TRUCK PERMITS

MOBILE FOOD SERVICE FACILITY PERMIT

- Individual license to operate a Food Truck issued by Health Dept. to operate at fairs, festivals and carnivals ONLY.

SPECIAL FOOD SERVICE FACILITY

- A Food Truck Hub is an outdoor area in which 2 or more mobile units cluster together to sell freshly prepared food.
- There can be up to 12 hubs in the county. A Food Truck Hub License will be issued on a yearly basis to a Hub Coordinator.
- Contact Coordinator at the Food-Truck-Hubs link.

MOBILE FOOD SERVICE FACILITY REQUIREMENTS

STEP 1: Fire Inspection

STEP 2: Submit Application

Apply for a Mobile Food Service Facility Permit, and pay \$300 fee (includes Health Inspection)

STEP 3: Call the Health Department to schedule an inspection



MOBILE FOOD SERVICE FACILITY REQUIREMENTS

STEP 4: If you would like to operate at a Food Truck Hub, Contact Food Truck Coordinators to check availability.

STEP 5: For this step only, apply for a license to vend at a hub through the Momentum process. Upload required documentation to apply for license to vend at approved Food Truck Hubs.

STEP 6: FOR FOOD TRUCK HUBS, once application is approved, DPIE will schedule an on-site inspection prior to license issuance. Due to COVID, only one Food Truck Hub is operational—Iverson Food Truck. The other hub locations did not renew their license.





Business Licenses are processed in Momentum, the County's new online system. The new system allows customers to submit applications, upload documentation and make payments online.



When the applications have been reviewed and approved, customers will be able to print their licenses at work or at home.



For more information about Momentum, registration, step-by-step instructions, and "how to" videos, click [Momentum Information](#). To go straight to the application, click [Momentum Portal](#).

HOW TO APPLY WITH MOMENTUM

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS



- In order to obtain a license to operate a mobile food unit, several conditions must be met.
- The Health Department inspects and approves the unit once it follows **food safety** requirements.
- DPIE regulates how and where the unit may operate.
- Operators interested in participating in a Food Truck Hub should contact Business Licensing at 301-883-3840 or visit the [DPIE website](#).



- Except for ice cream trucks, no public vending of food is allowed on public rights-of-way in Prince George's County.
- New Mobile Units that are High or Moderate Priority must undergo a Mobile Unit Review prior to inspection.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS - CONTINUED



Inspections are conducted by appointment only. The mobile unit must be operational at the time of the inspection with equipment in good working order and temperature.



Hot and cold running water must be available. Having the unit set up and ready to operate may help avoid having to schedule a re-inspection.



Once your unit passes inspection, a Health Department decal will be affixed to the outside of your unit with an expiration date.



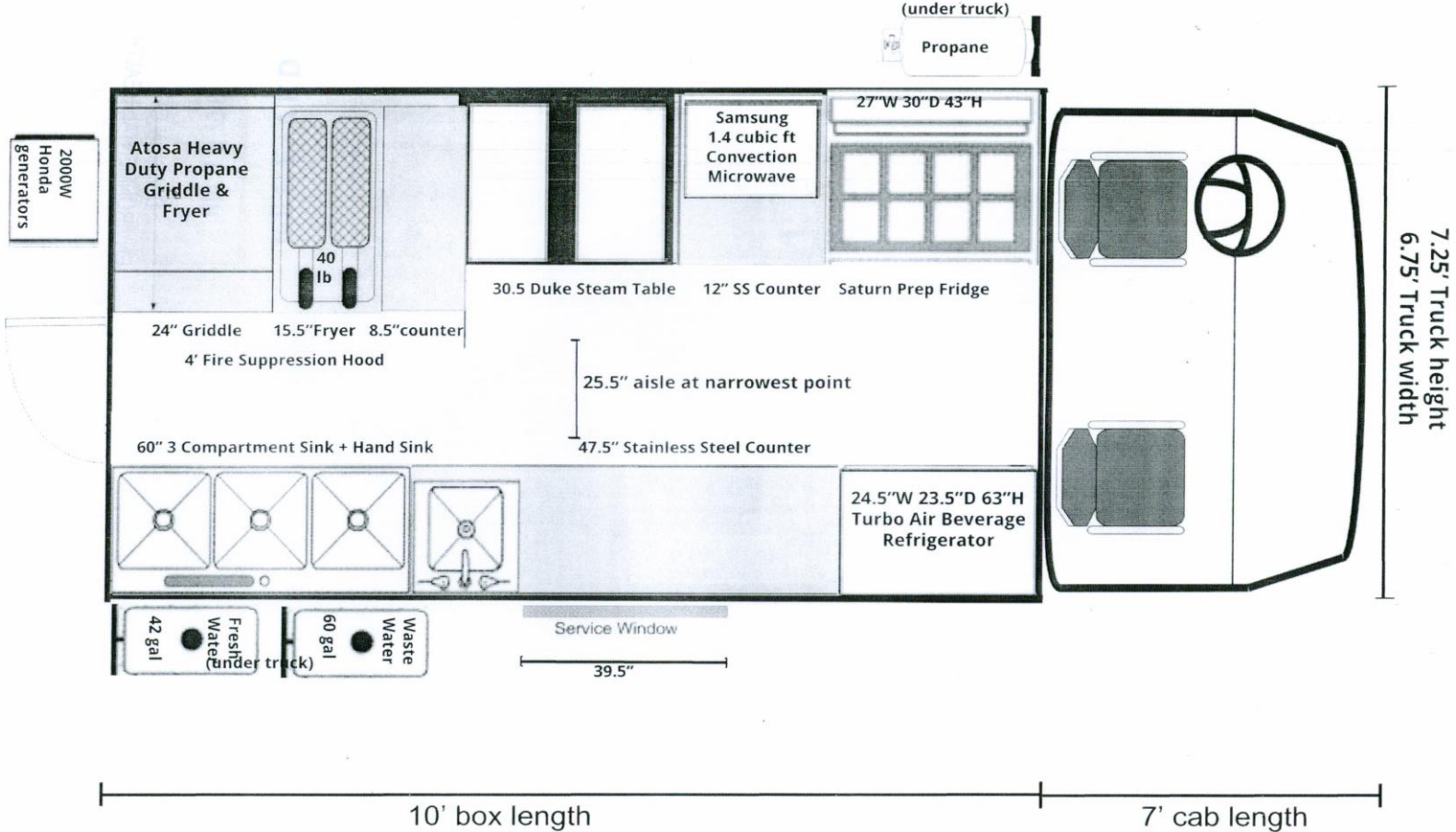
The decal demonstrates to your customers and other agency officials that your unit follows the applicable food safety requirements.

HEALTH INSPECTIONS

HEALTH INSPECTIONS - CONTINUED

- To operate a unit without a decal, with an expired decal or in a manner different than for what you were approved, is a violation of the Prince George's County Code and may result in suspension of your operation, fines and/or further legal action.
- Please see the supplemental policy documents and checklists to help in preparing your mobile unit for inspection and licensure.

MOBILE UNIT SAMPLE FLOOR PLAN



LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS

- Mobile service businesses in Prince George's County are limited to food trucks.
- However, it may be possible to expand mobile commerce in the County to include businesses other than food trucks, as well as expand the number and capacity of food truck hubs.
- This would require a legislative proposal or bill to amend the County code.



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