

Mobile Food and Beverage Businesses

During the Safer at Home Order

What businesses does this guidance apply to?

- Licensed as Full-Service Mobile or Pre-Packaged Mobile
 - Licensing can be streamlined if a mobile unit has been previously licensed, or was commercially built to code by filling out a Mobile Change of Ownership form; if the mobile unit was not previously licensed and was built for the individual business, El Paso County Public Health requires a Mobile Plan Review Packet.
- Selling prepackaged ice cream does not require a license. Selling hot, black coffee does not require a license. If dairy is added (mochas, lattes, cappuccino, etc.), El Paso County Public Health requires licensing as a Full Service Mobile establishment, which also covers any food served.

Where mobile food and beverage businesses may and may not locate*:

- **Private Property**, with the property owner's permission to temporarily locate the business on the property. A mobile food truck on private property is considered "peddler sales" under the El Paso County Land Development Code. Peddler sales is an allowed use in the CS (Commercial Service), CC (CommercialCommunity), CR (Commercial Regional), and the C-1 and C-2 (Commercial) zoning districts.
- **Parking lots** may be used for peddler sales with property owner approval provided the area occupied by the business does not reduce the number of available parking spaces below the minimum number of parking spaces required, the sales and associated parking do not impede safe pedestrian or vehicle travel into or through the parking area, and there is a County permitting access to the property from the adjacent County road.
- The County does not permit commercial businesses to operate within El Paso County right of way. County right of way is approximately 30 feet from the centerline of the roadway on each side in residential areas and larger for other roadways, meaning it typically expands well past the edge of pavement, back of curb, or back of sidewalk. Likewise, placement of private signage within County right of way is not allowed.

**Location guidance is applicable in unincorporated El Paso County; municipalities may have additional or differing regulations.*

Additional resources

- [El Paso County Public Health Retail Food Establishments](#)
- [El Paso County Economic Development](#)
- [Pikes Peak Small Business Development Center](#)

This guidance is intended to provide a summary of applicable provisions of CDPHE Amended Public Health Order 20-28 and does not contain all of the requirements set forth therein. In addition, while every effort will be made to keep the information in this guidance current, Public Health Orders may be amended from time to time. Please review the most recent version of Public Health Order 20-28 Safer at Home on CDPHE's COVID-19 website. If there are any conflicts between the Public Health Order and this guidance, the Public Health Order controls.