

FOOD TRUCK EVENTS

The County of San Bernardino recently made revisions to the County Ordinance which allows the limited operation of food preparation vehicles at “Food Truck Events.”

Effective **July 19, 2012**, vehicles that prepare food (“hot trucks”) will be allowed to operate in San Bernardino County at new venues called “Food Truck Events.” Previously these vehicles could only operate at “Community Events.”

WHAT IS A FOOD TRUCK EVENT?

A Food Truck Event is an event where approved Mobile Food Facilities (MFFs) can congregate to sell their food products at locations and times as approved by the local jurisdictions. According to County Ordinance 33.0402, a Food Truck Event is an event, other than a community event, approved by a local jurisdiction where mobile food facilities (MFFs) operate at a designated location, date and time to sell or give away food to the public.

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY EVENT?

A Community Event is an event that is of civic, political, public, or educational nature, including state and county fairs, city festivals, circuses and other public gathering events, approved by the Division of Environmental Health Services (DEHS) and the local land use authority.

PRIOR TO PARTICIPATING AT A FOOD TRUCK EVENT, THE MFF OPERATOR SHALL:

- Obtain plan check approval from the DEHS Plan Check Program to operate within San Bernardino County.
- Obtain an approved commissary where the food truck will be stored at the end of each day to be cleaned and serviced.
- Be certified by the Department of Housing and Community Development if the truck is “occupied” during operation.
- Obtain a valid Health Permit with the County of San Bernardino DEHS.
- Provide a schedule detailing stops and locations of operation.
- Obtain land use approval from each local Planning Department in which the vehicle operates.

NOTE:

Once the MFF has a valid annual Health Permit with the County of San Bernardino DEHS, it may also operate at approved COMMUNITY EVENTS within San Bernardino County, with consent of the Event Organizer.

