



# GASTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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## Pushcart Plan Review Application

In North Carolina, no foods can be prepared at home or in any other non-permitted kitchen. Foods must be prepared on the Pushcart (hot dogs only), or in an approved restaurant permitted to prepare food for sale.

A Pushcart in North Carolina is defined as, "A mobile piece of equipment or vehicle which serves hot dogs or foods that have been prepared, proportioned, and individually pre-wrapped at a restaurant or commissary." This means that only hot dogs can be actually prepared on a pushcart. Pushcarts can also be approved to sell wrapped food items; however, such sales must meet the documentation and labeling requirements in rule .2639 (d), (e), and (f). Please reference rule 15A NCAC 18A.2670 for general requirements for Pushcarts and 15A NCAC 18A.2671 for minimum construction and design expectations for permitted Pushcarts.

Commissary: means a permitted food establishment that services a Mobile Food Unit/ Pushcart.

\*\*Applications without complete and accurate information will be returned to the applicant and will delay the Department in review, processing, and approval.

Completed Pushcart Application

Manufacturer specification sheet for Pushcart (documentation of NSF/ ANSI Certification)

Complete and accurate menu for proposed Pushcart (including all food, drinks, and condiments)

Completed commissary approval form

Provide Pushcart storage location (must be stored in protected area from dirt, debris, vermin, and their contamination). The Pushcart cannot be stored uncovered outside. Address of storage location:

Applicant Information:

Name of Pushcart Business:

Owner's Name

Owner's Address:                      City                                      State                                      Zip

Owner's Home Phone:                                      Owner's Cell Phone:

E-mail

Commissary Information

Proposed Commissary Name:

Address:

City                                      State                                      Zip Code

Phone                                      Owner/ Manager's Name

Application Submittal Information

Application and supporting documentation can be mailed or delivered to: Gaston County  
Environmental Health, 991 W. Hudson Blvd.  
Gastonia, NC 28052

Or electronically to: [david.littman@gastongov.com](mailto:david.littman@gastongov.com)

Operation

Primary County of Operation:

Proposed Location (and include days and times)

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NSF/ANSI Certification

If Pushcart is NSF listed, indicate:

Manufacturer:

Model

If the Pushcart is not listed by an ANSI-accredited certification program, then the owner shall submit documentation verifying how the equipment is equivalent to NSF/ANSI standards. Individuals, who choose to construct their own Pushcarts, should contact an ANSI-accredited certification program to discuss the appropriate standard they need to obtain for construction or the options for certification of the Pushcart. The most common programs are NSF International: 1-800-673-8010 & Underwriters Laboratories: 919-549-1768. Individuals may also order standards through the following websites: [www.global.ihs.com](http://www.global.ihs.com); [www.techstreet.com/cgi-bin/results](http://www.techstreet.com/cgi-bin/results), or [www.nsf.org](http://www.nsf.org). Pushcarts will not be able to be constructed to meet the NSF/ANSI standards without this information.

Food and utensils on the cart that will be exposed to the public or to dust or insects must be protected on the front, top and ends, and exposed only as much as may be necessary to permit the handling and serving of hot dogs. Secondary coverage is required for all push carts.

Is there a hand sink on the unit?

Yes

No

Is there secondary cover for the cooking area?

Yes

No

Please describe type of secondary cover.

Menu

List all food, including condiments that will be served, also indicate where you plan to purchase food from.

Statement: I hereby certify that the information provided within this application is accurate and I fully understand that any deviation or variance from this application without prior written permission from Gaston County Environmental Health will prevent issuance of an operational permit for the unit. I understand that this application will be returned to me if incomplete and will delay processing. I also understand that multiple inspections of the unit may be required and that if the unit is not in compliance with Rules and Governing the Sanitation of Food Service Establishments 15A NCAC 18A .2600, an operational permit will not be issued. Approval of these plans and specifications by Gaston County Environmental Health does not indicate compliance with any other code, law, or regulation that may be required (i.e. federal, state, or local).

Signature of Owner/ Operator or Designee:

Date: