

PROCEDURES FOR OPERATING A KIOSK OR CART SELLING FOOD OR BEVERAGES IN A SHOPPING MALL IN THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS

These procedures shall be strictly adhered to by all persons or corporations proposing to place a kiosk or cart in a shopping mall in the Borough of Paramus to sell food or beverages of any type. These procedures are taken from regulations prescribed in Chapter 24, NJ State Sanitary Code (NJAC 8:24-1.1 et seq.).

PREPACKAGED, PREWRAPPED, NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ONLY

1. Apply for a foodhandling permit in the offices of the Paramus Board of Health.
2. Advise the Health Department of the date the kiosk is in the mall so that an inspection can be arranged.

KIOSKS AND CARTS CONDUCTING FOOD PREPARATION AND SERVICE OR WHICH SELL OR SERVE NON-PACKAGED FOOD

1. The Kiosk or cart must be equipped as follows:
 - a. A self contained sink for the purpose of handwashing must be located on the unit. The sink shall be equipped with hot and cold running water, a water supply tank, and a waste water tank which is at least 15% larger than the water supply tank.
 - b. A three compartment sink is required for the proper washing, rinsing and sanitizing of equipment and utensils. This unit may be located at the kiosk or cart, or elsewhere in the shopping mall. A written agreement with another food establishment which permits usage of their three compartment sink may be submitted to demonstrate compliance with this requirement.
 - c. All food products shall be protected from patron contamination through the installation of appropriate sneeze guards.
 - d. If perishable food items are to be sold or served, adequate mechanical refrigeration shall be installed on the unit.
 - e. Kiosks and carts are prohibited from serving or selling potentially hazardous foods.
 - f. Kiosks and carts shall provide only single service articles for use by the consumer.
 - g. All food contact surfaces on the cart or kiosk shall be smooth, washable, durable and easily cleanable.
2. If the above requirements can be met, submit the following to the Paramus Board of Health:
 - a. a diagram of the cart or kiosk showing the location of all equipment;
 - b. if applicable, a written agreement with another food establishment in the mall which permits access to a three compartment sink;
 - c. photographs or renderings of the proposed cart or kiosk;
 - d. a proposed menu indicating all food and beverage items to be sold or served at the cart or kiosk.

The Health Officer will review the above and either approve or deny the proposal. If approved, you will be advised to apply for a foodhandling permit in the offices of the Board of Health in the Borough Hall. Notify the Health Department at that time of the date the kiosk or cart will first be in the mall so that an inspection can be arranged.

Questions with regard to the above should be directed to Judith Migliaccio, Assistant Health Officer, at 201-265-2100, Ext. 2300