

Food Service Licensing:

Food Service Licensing Details and Frequently Asked Questions:

- Includes the distinct categories and definition

http://www.michigan.gov/mdard/0,1607,7-125-1569_16958_16977-174008--,00.html

How to Apply for a Food Service License

- Includes the two distinct processes for fixed and temporary (not sure if this includes STFU)

http://www.michigan.gov/mdard/0,4610,7-125-1569_16958_16977---,00.html

Temporary Food Establishment Operations Checklist: (I think this is intended to help people prepare for the “plan review” which is required in order to gain a license from the local health department (must be requested and application inputted 30 days prior to needing the permit)

http://www.michigan.gov/mdard/0,1607,7-125-50772_45851-68508--,00.html

STFU

The benefits:

- Don't need to obtain a separate license for each location (if moving about to more than one festival)
- don't need to identify MDARD if changing locations to another festival
- don't need a commissary

Extra work:

- standard operating procedures must be submitted
- plan review either form local health department or MDARD (~\$197)

Operating permit will be issued upon time of inspection

Difference between STFU and mobile food truck licensing: considerations

- what establishments need to have a commissary? (the licensing for STFU is listed as being for a mobile food business that doesn't need a commissary)
 - what mobile food businesses are grandfathered in?
- How long does the STFU last? Can it last indefinitely for a mobile food unit that doesn't need a commissary?
- Is STFU license mainly event focused? Could one obtain an STFU and post up outside of businesses like food trucks in southwest do?

Questions about post application:

- Plan review
 - What is this?
- And on site pre-opening inspection
 - Who to contact?
- Standard operating procedures
 - For STFUs
 - Don't need a commissary

Two departments that issue licensing:

- MDARD- wholesaling and retailing
- IPH- mobile food units

Municipal licensing:

- Detroit has no zoning or regs on food licensing
- Oakland county licensing most of trucks see downtown