



COMPACT MOBILE FOOD OPERATION (CMFO)



WHAT IS A CMFO?

CMFOs are permitted non-motorized food “carts” such as:

Pedal-Driven Cart

Pushcart

Wagon

Trailer

WHAT CAN I DO FROM A CMFO?

Sell 100% prepackaged food

OR

Conduct Limited Food Preparation (dispensing and portioning of food for immediate service, slicing and chopping of non-potentially hazardous food or produce, hot and cold holding of food, and reheating)

WHERE CAN I STORE:

FOOD

1. A permitted commissary
2. A private home can store pre-packaged, non-potentially hazardous food
3. A Cottage Food Operation (Class B only) may store and prepare food for up to 2 of their own CMFOs.

CART

A permitted commissary or private home approved by this Department.

HOW CAN I OPEN A CMFO?

1

SUBMITTAL

Submit completed packet for review.

2

PLAN REVIEW

Packet will be reviewed for accuracy and completeness.

3

INSPECTION

Inspection will be scheduled after written approval.

4

APPROVAL

After a passing inspection, application, and permit fee will be collected.



EXCEPTION:

If your CMFO will be less than 25 square feet, selling only commercially prepackaged, non-potentially hazardous food or whole produce, you will not need a permit from this Department.

For more information on unpackaged CMFOs, contact our Plan Check Specialist Jeff Lojeski at jlojeski@rivco.org or (760)320-1048. For information on prepackaged CMFOs, visit rivcoeh.org or contact your local office.