



Compact Mobile Food Operation (CMFO) Supported Vending Site Guidelines

Effective January 1, 2023, the California Retail Food Code, Section 114368.4 (b)1-4, allows for CMFOs to operate without integral handwashing and ware washing sinks if operating at a site that has permitted auxiliary conveyance(s) approved to support CMFOs. Auxiliary conveyance(s) is a means of transport for ware washing and/or handwashing sinks used in conjunction with the unenclosed mobile food facility. These sites will be referred to as “Supported Vending Sites” and Environmental Health Services (EHS) has the authority to limit the number of CMFOs that utilize the site based on the available auxiliary conveyance’s ability to reasonably support the proposed number of CMFOs.

SUPPORTED VENDING SITE REQUIREMENTS

- EHS may allow an auxiliary conveyance to be onsite as a method to comply with CRFC Sections 114313 and 114314 for handwashing and ware washing sink requirements for Mobile Food Facilities.
- A health permit from EHS is required prior to the operation of any auxiliary conveyance unless the auxiliary conveyance was approved as part of a permitted CMFO.
- The health permit for the CMFO and the auxiliary conveyance operator, when applicable, is specific to the approved location and hours of operation.
- A site plan for the Supported Vending Site must be submitted to the local enforcement agency for review at least two weeks before the site begins operation, and shall include:
 1. The hours of operation of the auxiliary conveyance at the location
 2. Proposed location of the auxiliary conveyance when in use
 3. **The auxiliary conveyance:**
 - a. May or may not be one integral unit
 - b. Must be conveniently located for easy access
 - c. May or may not be one of the CMFO operators
 4. Proposed storage location for the auxiliary conveyance when not in use
 5. **Location of:**
 - a. Mobile food facilities that will use the auxiliary conveyance
 - b. Permanent restrooms that will be available for mobile food facility employees to use
 - c. Refuse containers
 - d. Potable water supply faucets (could be part of auxiliary conveyance)
 - e. Wastewater disposal facilities (could be part of auxiliary conveyance)
 - f. Shared ware washing facilities (could be part of auxiliary conveyance)
 - g. Shared handwashing facilities (could be part of auxiliary conveyance)

- If all associated CMFOs are exempt from hot water for handwashing and prescribed in CRFC Section 114368.4 (g), then hot water is not required to be provided by the auxiliary conveyance. For example, two fruit carts that do not have a handwashing sink and do not require hot water for handwashing based on the scope of their operation may utilize an auxiliary conveyance adjacent to the carts that provides water for handwashing.
- The auxiliary handwash sink must have a minimum of 5 gallons of water capacity for each CMFO it supports.
- Ware washing sinks shall be equipped with overhead protection that protects the sinks from birds and insect droppings, precipitation, and other contaminants. Ware washing sinks must have a minimum of 15 gallons of water capacity for each CMFO it supports.
- All wastewater tanks (hand sink and ware washing sink) must be 50% greater than the potable water capacity.
- The auxiliary conveyance operator should contact local building and planning departments for any additional requirements, including but not limited to zoning, special use permits, or business license requirements.