

Food Vending Machine License

"Vending machine" means a self-service device that automatically dispenses on the insertion of currency, tokens, or similar means a predetermined unit serving of food, either in bulk or in package, without having to be replenished after each use.

"Vending machine location" means an area or room where one or more vending machines are installed and operated, except that if the machines within an area are separated by more than one hundred fifty feet, each area separated by that distance constitutes a separate vending machine location.

Ohio law requires each vending machine location to have a Food Service Operation License. Before opening a vending machine location, you must submit a Vending Machine License Application with fee of \$35.99 (found below) along with a spec sheet showing manufacturer and model of the vending machine(s) to be used.

Prior to licensing your location, a pre-operational inspection will be done to assure compliance with the Ohio Uniform Food Safety Code. Please call the Food Safety Program at (330) 451-1440 if you have questions.

Note: When a vending machine is located within a licensed Food Service Operation or Retail Food Establishment (example: a cafeteria) and operated by the same licensed operator, the vending location can be covered under the Food Service Operation or Retail Food Establishment License. There is no need for a separate Vending Machine License.

The vending machine must:

1. Have an easily readable thermometer accurate to 1.5°C or 3°F located in the warmest part of cold food machines, and in the coolest part of hot food machines.
2. Maintain cold foods at 41°F or below and hot foods at 135°F or above.
3. All vending machines must comply with National Automatic Merchandising Association (NAMA) & National Sanitation Foundation (NSF).
4. Outside vending machines (typically water machines) must have overhead protection. If not protected from outside elements, the dispensing compartment of a vending machine must be equipped with a self-closing door or cover.
5. Have an automatic shutoff or "health switch"

Automatic Shutoff or "Health Switch"

A machine vending time/temperature controlled for safety food is to have an automatic control that prevents the machine from vending food if there is a power failure, mechanical failure, or other condition that results in an internal machine temperature that cannot maintain cold foods at 41°F or below and hot foods at 135°F or above.



The temperature specified for shutoff activation may deviate from the temperature and for a time immediately after the machine is filled, serviced, or restocked as follows:

Refrigerated: Ambient air temperature of 41°F or higher, for not more than 30 minutes.

Hot Food: Ambient air temperature below 135°F for not more than 120 minutes.

Time/Temperature Controlled for Safety (TCS) Food

Time/temperature controlled for safety food must be labeled with the preparation date to indicate the date by which the food shall be consumed, which is 7 days or less from the day of preparation. Discard of time/temperature controlled for safety food if:

1. The seven-day shelf life has been exceeded.
2. After automatic shutoff, the machine is not repaired or reactivated within 4 hours of shutoff.
3. The internal temperature of the refrigerated product exceeds 41°F in cold holding units or falls below 135°F in hot holding units.
4. All food must be in the original container in which it was packaged at the preparation facility.
5. All food must be labeled in accordance with the Ohio Uniform Food Safety Code.

Vending Machine – Liquid Waste Products

1. Vending machines designed to store beverages that are packaged in containers made from paper products must be equipped with diversion devices and retention pans or drains for container leakage.
2. Vending machines that dispense liquid food in bulk or bulk water machines are to be:
 - Provided with an internally mounted waste receptacle for the collection of drip, spillage, overflow, or other internal wastes; and
 - Equipped with an automatic shutoff device that will place the machine out of operation before the waste receptacle overflows.
 - Shutoff devices are required to prevent water or liquid food from continuously running if there is a failure of a flow control device in the water or liquid food system or waste accumulation that could lead to overflow of the waste receptacle.

Application for a License to Conduct a Vending Machine Location

Instructions:

1. Complete the applicable section. (Make any corrections if necessary.)
2. Sign and date the application.
3. Make a check or money order payable to:
4. Return check and signed application **by***: _____

to: Stark County Health Department
7235 Whipple Ave. NW
North Canton, Ohio 44720

*There is a mandatory penalty fee of 25% of the renewal fee for operating a vending machine location after the deadline (Chapter 3717 of the Ohio Revised Code).

Before license application can be processed the application must be completed and the indicated fee submitted. Failure to complete this application and remit the proper fee will result in not issuing/renewing a license. This action is governed by Chapter 3717 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Vending company		
Phone # ()	Fax # ()	E-mail
Address		
City	State	ZIP

Location name	Location address (include City and ZIP)	LHD use only	
		Audit number	License number

I hereby certify that I am the license holder, or the authorized representative, of the vending machine location(s) indicated above.

Signature	Date
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Licensors to complete below

License fee	+ Late fee	+ State amount	= Total amount due
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Application approved for license and certified as required by Chapter 3717 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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