Dear Beach Vendor Applicant:

The Brazoria County Parks Department is responsible for processing the county beach vendor permit application when a mobile vendor business is conducted on the beach in an area between the line of mean low tide and the natural vegetation line on the sand. Mobile businesses behind the vegetation line are prohibited by the dune protection ordinance, which prohibits all traffic landward of the line of vegetation.

Brazoria County has approximately 13 miles of beach within its jurisdiction. County and state law allow for vendors to be stationary on the beach during the day but each evening at dusk you must remove your concession off the beach. NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED TO KEEP ANY MOBILE BUSINESS UNIT ON THE BEACH OVERNIGHT.

Brazoria County is interested in vendors that provide a needed service to the beach visitor, such as food and drinks. Each application will be reviewed and rated on its usefulness to the beach visitor, its attractiveness, cleanliness, quality and quantity of items, and frequency of service.

Sale or rental of motorized equipment such as jet skis or go carts is prohibited. Sale of beverages in glass containers is prohibited.

*It is the vendor’s responsibility to contact the Brazoria County Environmental Health Department to obtain a county mobile unit food permit, or a county temporary food permit if any site-prepped food is to be sold. For questions or more information, contact the Environmental Health Department at (979) 864-1600.*

**Insurance of General Liability and Automobile Liability** requirement of $100,000 per person and $300,000 per occurrence, with a $100,000 total for property damage, and that **Brazoria County** is also named as an insured party, are all mandatory components for any beach vendor permit. If you do not already have this insurance, contact your insurance agent for a quote.

To apply for a beach vendor permit, applicants should complete and return two (2) copies of the “Personal History Sheet”, and two (2) copies of the “Application for Permit to Operate a Business Establishment on the Public Beaches of the State of Texas” which the applicant must sign, date and have each copy notarized. Return all four sheets and supporting documentation of the Brazoria County Environmental Health food permit and insurance along with a processing fee to the Brazoria County Parks Department.

Upon approval, the applicant will receive a beach vendor permit from the county. All permits must be posted in your business while on the beach. Vendors will be checked periodically or the beach by the environmental health, sheriff, and parks departments.

Applicants interested in establishing a vendor business within city limits must contact that city directly. In Brazoria County there are two (2) municipalities – Surfside Beach, 1304 Monument Drive, Surfside Beach, TX 77541 (979) 233-1531; Town of Quintana, 814 N. Lamar, Quintana, TX 77541, (979) 233-0848.

No vendor permits are issued for operating a mobile or stationary vendor business in county parks or state parks adjoining the beach.

Sincerely,

Bryan Frazier, Director
Brazoria County Parks Department
CHECKLIST TO APPLY FOR A BEACH VENDOR’S PERMIT:

☐ $100.00 processing fee to Brazoria County paid with either exact cash or a check.

☐ Brazoria County Environmental Health Department mobile unit food permit ($200.00), or temporary food permit ($40.00).

☐ Required General Liability and Automobile Liability insurance.

☐ Two (2) copies of the “Personal History Sheet” completed and signed.

☐ Two (2) copies of the “Application for Permit to Operate a Mobile Business Establishment on the Public Beaches of the State of Texas” sheet. Completed, signed, and notarized.

Brazoria County has received from __________________________ all of the above documents for a beach vendor permit. These items will be processed and the applicant will be notified of permit status.

Applicant name: __________________________

Address: __________________________

City/Zip: __________________________

Daytime phone: __________________________

Received by: __________________________

Brazoria County

________________________

Date
PUBLIC BEACH VENDOR
PERSONAL HISTORY SHEET
(Submit in Duplicate)

DATE ____________

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS FULLY. ANY FALSE STATEMENT WILL DISQUALIFY YOU.

FULL LEGAL NAME OF APPLICANT __________________________ Phone ____________

Residence Address of Applicant __________________________ County ________ State ______ Zip ______

How long at current address? ______ yrs. Birth Date: __ __ __ Sex: □ M □ F DL# ____________

Full Name of Spouse (if applicable): ________________________ Birth Date: __ __ __ DL# ____________

TYPE OF LICENSE APPLIED FOR  □ Mobile  □ Stationary

TRADE NAME __________________________ County of Operation ____________

Manager’s Name (if applicable) __________________________ DL# ____________ Phone ____________

If the applicant is not an individual list name of any Partner, Agent, or Employee having an interest in the operation of or who may share in the profit or loss in this business along with a driver's license number of each person.

(1) ____________________________________________________________________________
(2) ____________________________________________________________________________
(3) ____________________________________________________________________________
(4) ____________________________________________________________________________

How much actual cash do you personally have invested in this business? ____________

A full financial statement of the vending business must accompany this form; i.e., vehicle cost, misc. cost, cash on hand, etc.

Name of Firm or Person financing this business __________________________

Address __________________________

Have you ever used narcotics in any form? □ Yes □ No

Have you, your partner, manager, or spouse, ever been cited or arrested for any reason or been the subject of a criminal investigation? If so, give full details. __________________________

Give three character references and addresses of each - not relatives or employees:

1. __________________________
2. __________________________
3. __________________________

Give employment for past three years - employer’s name, address and dates.

1. __________________________
2. __________________________
3. __________________________

I certify by my signature the above information is true and correct:

______________________________________________
Applicant’s Signature
Application For Permit To Operate A Mobile Business  
Establishment On The Public Beaches Of The State Of Texas

State of Texas  
County of Brazoria

1. Check one of the following and complete as indicated:
   A. Individual (Show full name and street address as indicated below) 
   B. Partnership (Show full name of each partner and partnership street address as indicated below)  
   C. Corporation (Give name and title of each officer, and show corporation office street address as indicated below)

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2. If applicant is a partnership or corporation, give the name of ONE partner or officer (not a manager unless an officer) who is primarily responsible for the management of the premises.

   Name: ___________________________________________      Driver’s License No.: ____________________________

3. Show address where permit is to mailed:

   ________________________________________________________________

4. Applicant desires to operate under Trade Name of:

   ________________________________________________________________

5. Type of business (circle one): (A) MOBILE – traversing beach during business hours or (B) STATIONARY – fixed sales during business hours

6. Commodities to be sold or leased:

   ________________________________________________________________

7. Business will be conducted (circle one): Daily  Weekends Only  Occasionally

8. Evidence of Insurance Coverage or Bond with

   ________________________________________________________________

9. Vehicle(s) – trailer to be used in business described as follows:

   ________________________________________________________________

   Make       Type       Year-Model       Serial Number       Lic./TX No.

10. Has any person named in 1 or 2 above, or their spouse or employee, ever been arrested (or received a citation) for any offense including traffic violations? ______________________________, if so, state:

   ________________________________________________________________

Furnish names, addresses and current valid driver’s license number of each individual that will be operating the beach business vehicle for which you have applied for a permit.

NOTE: Any changes in the operating personnel must be furnished to this Department within five (5) days including name, address, and driver’s license number. Failure to comply with this request will result in withdrawal of permit.

Name          Address          Driver’s License Number

____________________  ______________________  ______________________

____________________  ______________________  ______________________

____________________  ______________________  ______________________

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF __________________________ Before me the undersigned authority on this day personally appeared __________________________, who after being by my duly sworn did upon oath depose and say that after having read said application, that all the facts set forth therein are true and correct, and attested to by the signature below:

Signature here __________________________, This _______________________ day of ____________________, 20________________

________________________, Notary Public in and for ________________ County, Texas