



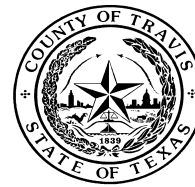
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<http://www.austintexas.gov/departments/food-establishment-requirements>



**Walk-in Location:** 1520 Rutherford LN, NE corner of Rutherford LN @ Cameron RD, Bldg 1 East Entrance (No Mail Accepted here)

## Child Care Center Food Service

This guide is for operators of a Child Care Center located within the jurisdiction of the City of Austin and Travis County that are considering providing food for children enrolled in their facility. These establishments fall under the regulatory responsibility of the Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department (ATCHHSD).

Some incorporated cities within Travis County also have contracts for food establishment inspections with ATCHHSD. The city offices in these cities can advise you if this is the case where you are operating.

### Does Your Child Care Center Need A food Permit ?

A Food Permit is required for a Child Care Center if it is licensed for 13 or more children and food is provided for on-site consumption UNLESS the food is limited to the following:

- Non-potentially Hazardous Foods received in packages from an approved source that does not require slicing or handling. These may be removed from the package by a person wearing single use gloves and placed on a single use disposable plate given directly to the child. Examples of Non-potentially hazardous foods: crackers, chips, dry cereal, packaged pre-sliced apples, celery or carrot sticks, frozen fruit bars or popsicles.
- Non-potentially Hazardous drinks, if served in prepackaged individual servings or in single use individual disposable cups. Since Child Care Facilities serve a highly susceptible population, fresh unpasteurized juices are prohibited by the Texas Food Establishment Rules.

Requirements for [Food Handler](#), [Food Manager](#) and [Starting a Food Business](#) are located on our website.

<u>City of Austin</u>	
Food Service Permit	FEES
1 to 9 employees	\$310
10 to 25 employees	\$435
26 to 50 employees	\$620
51 to 100 employees	\$805
Over 100 employees	\$990

<u>Travis County and other municipalities</u>	
Food Service Permit	FEES
1 to 15 employees	\$150
16 to 30 employees	\$250
Over 30 employees	\$300

### Home Preparation and Storage of Food

Home preparation and storage of food for public consumption is prohibited. All food that is to be consumed by the public, whether free or for sale, must be prepared and stored at a permitted establishment that is inspected by a federal, state, or local Health Authority.

### Food Preparation for the General Public Prohibited

Child Care Centers are prohibited from using their kitchens to store, prepare or manufacture food for the general public. Mobile vendors may not use a Child Care Center as their commissary.