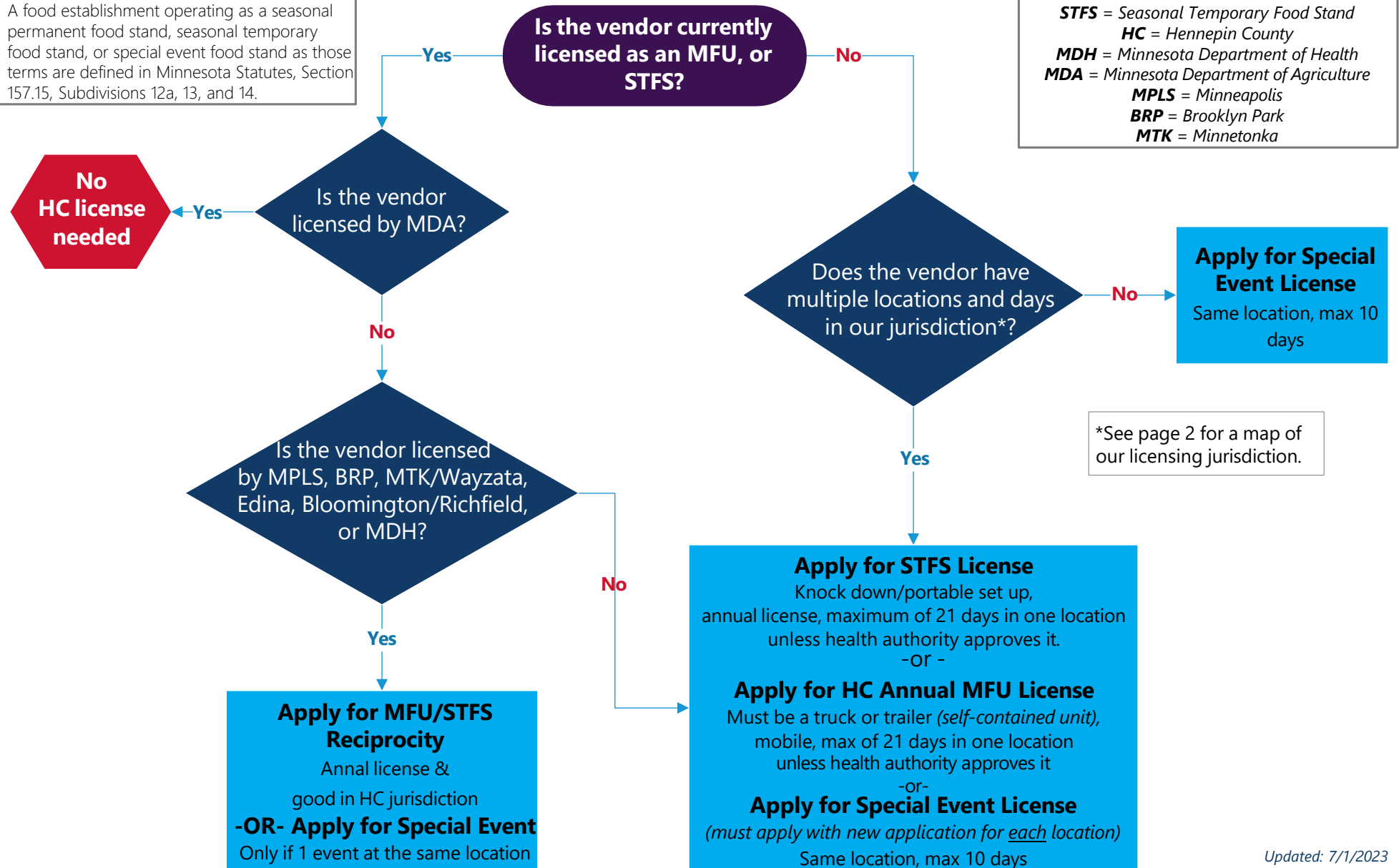


# Itinerant Food Licensing Options

3.3 "Itinerant food establishment"

A food establishment operating as a seasonal permanent food stand, seasonal temporary food stand, or special event food stand as those terms are defined in Minnesota Statutes, Section 157.15, Subdivisions 12a, 13, and 14.

**MFU** = Mobile Food Unit  
**STFS** = Seasonal Temporary Food Stand  
**HC** = Hennepin County  
**MDH** = Minnesota Department of Health  
**MDA** = Minnesota Department of Agriculture  
**MPLS** = Minneapolis  
**BRP** = Brooklyn Park  
**MTK** = Minnetonka



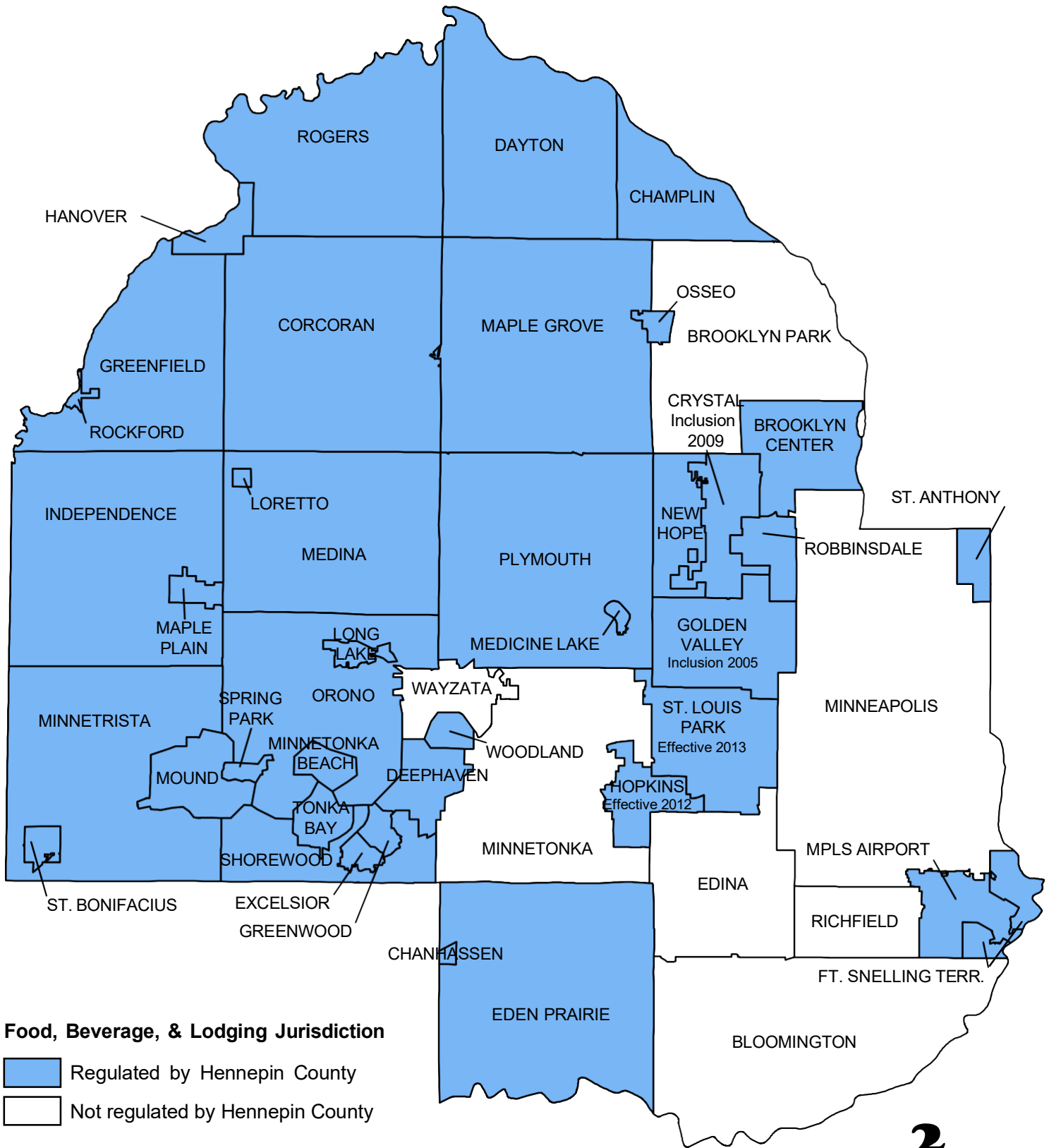
\*See page 2 for a map of our licensing jurisdiction.

# Food, Beverage, & Lodging Jurisdiction

Regulated by Hennepin County Environmental Health

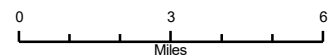


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Source: Hennepin County HSPHD - Public Health Protection 8/2012  
Prepared by: Hennepin County GIS Office & HSPHD



# Applying for an Itinerant or Mobile Food License

## How to apply:

### **Seasonal Temporary Food License valid April 1st to March 31st**

Application link: [Mobile food units and seasonal stands 2023 \(hennepin.us\)](https://www.hennepin.us/mobile-food-units-and-seasonal-stands-2023)

### **Annual HC Mobile Food Unit License (currently unlicensed by another eligible jurisdiction) valid February 1st- January 31st**

Application Link: [Mobile food units and seasonal stands 2023 \(hennepin.us\)](https://www.hennepin.us/mobile-food-units-and-seasonal-stands-2023)

- Submit the completed application and all supporting documents for a new build or existing unlicensed mobile food unit

### **MFU/STFS Reciprocity License (currently licensed in another eligible jurisdiction) valid Feb. 1 – Jan. 31**

Application Link: [MFU reciprocity with cities 2023 \(hennepin.us\)](https://www.hennepin.us/mfu-reciprocity-with-cities-2023)

- Submit the completed application and all supporting documents listed

### **Special Event License valid for approved date(s) and location (10 day max.)**

Application Links: [Regular short term food license app \(hennepin.us\)](https://www.hennepin.us/regular-short-term-food-license-app) **-OR-** [Low risk short term food license application \(hennepin.us\)](https://www.hennepin.us/low-risk-short-term-food-license-application)

- Applications received less than 2 business days prior to the event start date will not be processed. A sold-on-site license option will be available at double the original license fee if requested.

## Options for submitting applications:

- **Submit the application by mailing** it to the address listed on the application along with a check or write in your credit card information on the application – if you want to pay by card over the phone, write that you'd like to do that somewhere on the application and someone will call you when the application is being reviewed in our office.
- **Submit the application in person at our office** located at 1011 South First Street, Suite 215 Hopkins, MN 55343-9413. Business Hours are 8am-4:30 M-F. Located directly outside the elevators on the 2nd floor, Suite 215. Please bring completed application, applicable support documents, and payment. There is a drop box available for after-hours use.
- **Submit the application via email** to: [epi-envhlth@hennepin.us](mailto:epi-envhlth@hennepin.us) and either write on the application you want to pay via card over the phone or mail a check separately and make a note on the application that the check is in the mail.
- **DO NOT EMAIL CREDIT CARD INFORMATION.**

\*\*Note: All supporting documents such as blueprints must be sent in paper form. No electronic submissions of supporting documents.

## Helpful Links

- [guidelines-for-short-term-events.pdf](#)  
[\(hennepin.us\)](#)
- [EH-5/04 \(hennepin.us\)](#)
- [Seasonal Temporary Food Stand \(state.mn.us\)](#)
- [Mobile Food Unit, Seasonal Temporary Food Stand and Seasonal Permanent Food Stand Construction Guide \(state.mn.us\)](#)

