

Ohio MFSO First-Year Cost Worksheet

Cincinnati Health Dept. / Hamilton County | Effective through March 2026

ONE-TIME STARTUP COSTS

Ohio LLC formation (ohiosos.gov)	\$99	One-time
Ohio Transient Vendor License (tax.ohio.gov)	\$25	One-time, multi-county sales
ServSafe Food Manager cert	~\$150	Valid 5 years

ANNUAL LICENSE FEES - Cincinnati Health Dept.

MFSO Level 1 base fee	\$331	Low-risk operations
MFSO Level 2 base fee	\$374	Full-service hot food trucks
Ohio state surcharge (all licenses)	\$28	Per license annually
TOTAL Level 1 (incl. state surcharge)	\$359	Due before March 1
TOTAL Level 2 (incl. state surcharge)	\$402	Due before March 1
Late renewal penalty after March 1	+25%	+\$82-\$94
Low-Risk MRFE (qualifying ops, from Feb 2024)	~\$185-\$215	Baked goods, shelf-stable only

OTHER COSTS

City of Cincinnati overlay registration	TBD	Under revision - verify with city
Commercial general liability insurance	\$400-\$900/yr	Required by most events
Commissary rental (if applicable)	\$200-\$500/mo	Not included in license fee
Kentucky MFU permit (if crossing into NKY)	~\$150/yr	Separate - no reciprocity

MY COST WORKSHEET (fill in)

MFSO license (Level 1 or 2): \$_____
State surcharge: \$28
LLC (first year only): \$_____
Transient Vendor License (first year only): \$_____
City overlay (if applicable): \$_____
Insurance annual: \$_____
Commissary x 12 months: \$_____
KY MFU permit (if applicable): \$_____
FIRST YEAR TOTAL: \$_____

Renew at: eztrak.cagis.org | Mail to: Mobile Food Licensing, 3845 William P Dooley Bypass, Cincinnati OH 45223