

Task Group on Mobile Food Units
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Purpose

The purpose of this ballot is to affirm language for a new definition regarding the term *Mobile Food Unit*.

Background

Approximately 20 years ago NSF began the development of a new Food Equipment Standard called: **NSF/ANSI 174 *Mobile Food Units***, to be in accordance with ANSI (American National Standards Institute) approved procedures. The intent was to create a standard to set minimum public health and sanitation requirements for the design and construction of mobile food units. The project was very well developed but shelved due to other priorities taking precedence.

In early 2023 the project was resurrected and the Task Group (TG) in charge reseated to continue the efforts of bringing this to completion. During a meeting of the TG in July it was decided that a good place to start and reset the process was to step back and agree upon a revised Title, Scope, and Purpose. This straw ballot was completed with a few comments in late 2023. These comments were discussed in some detail during the December 19 teleconference, at which time the group decided before continuing to create a working definition of the term *Mobile Food Unit*.

An Ad Hoc group made up of members from all 3 categories met and created a definition which was further discussed with the full Task Group on May 14, 2024, at which time the group motioned to send the most recent language to the Task Group as a straw ballot. That language is presented here for your consideration as Revision 1.

The **grey highlighted** portions of the language are proposed additions to the language of the standard. The **strikeout** portions of the language are proposed deletions to the language of the standard.

An **affirmative (yes) vote** on this straw ballot means you agree with the revised language as submitted.

A **negative (no) vote** on this straw ballot means you disagree with the revised language as submitted. A negative vote must include an explanation of why you disagree with the revised draft.

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[Note – the recommended changes to the standard which include the current text of the relevant section(s) indicate deletions by use of ~~strikeout~~ and additions by grey highlighting. Rationale Statements are in *red italics* and only used to add clarity; these statements will NOT be in the finished publication.]

NSF/ANSI Standard
for Food Equipment –

Glossary of Food Equipment Terminology

3 Definitions

3.XXX Mobile Food Unit: An occupied food service unit housed within an enclosed motorized or towed vehicle used in either or both the preparation or service of food which periodically or continuously changes location. Mobile food units are fully self-contained with no permanent utility connections or dining facilities. The term does not include a mobile food cart or any similar unoccupied operation.

***Rationale:** with the development of the new Standard 174 – Mobile Food Units, the working group determined the need for first developing a definition for the term itself.*