

Sidewalk Vending Programs

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Agencies Responsible	- Transportation Department	-Commissioner of Business Affairs -Department of Transportation -Police Department -Office of Emergency Management	-Administration and Regulatory Affairs -Health and Human Services - Parks and Recreation Department and Health Officer	-Public Works, Bureau of Street Services (BSS) - Economic and Workforce Development Department	- Department of Health - Department of Consumer Affairs	- Public Health Department	- Public Health Department - Department of Licenses and Inspections	- Office of Transportation	- Department of Public Works	- Chief of Police	- Business License Department - Police Department
Fees	<p>Sidewalks - Application Fee: \$150 (one time) -Permit Fee: \$650 (Annual)</p> <p>Parks -Concessions: Up to \$1,500 for a six month Period. -Services: \$50 Fee Monthly payments in the amount of \$45 per client per day for a maximum of \$1,500 for any 6-month period (more than three clients).</p> <p>Health Permit Cost: -Application Fee: \$95 -Health Permit Fee: \$198-\$273 depending on type of item.</p> <p>Fire Department Inspection Fee: \$125 (one-time fee) (for units using propane).</p>	<p>- Mobile Desserts Vendor License Fee: \$275 (2 Years)</p> <p>- Street Peddler \$100 Application Fee (2 Years)</p> <p>-\$50 for seniors, veterans or disabled (2 Years)</p> <p>- As of September 24, 2015: Mobile Food Vendor Fee: \$350 (2 Years)</p>	<p>One-time Administrative Fee: \$27.52 (One-time)</p> <p>Only the sale of frozen desserts is permitted on city sidewalks. -Permit fee is based on the number of employees as follows: 0-9 employees: \$200 10-25 employees: \$330 26-50 employees: \$480 51-100 employees: \$630 101 or more employees: \$780</p> <p>Frozen Dessert Machine Fee: \$110 Peddler's License Fee: \$100 (Annual)</p>	N/A	<p>Merchandise Vending License Fees: -October 1-March 30: \$200 -March 31 to September 30: \$100 -Honorably discharged veterans: No Fee</p> <p>Mobile Food Vending License Fees: - Full Term (2 years): \$50 -Seasonal (April 1- October 31): \$10 -Honorably discharged veterans and disabled persons: No Fees.</p> <p>Mobile Food Vending Permit Fees: -Food preparation on site: \$200 (2 Years) -Prepackaged and no preparation on site: \$75 (2 Years) - Seasonal Permits: April 1 – October 31 (food is prepared or processed): \$35 - Seasonal Permits: April 1 - October 31 (food is prepackaged or does not involve preparation or processing on-site): \$15 -Honorably discharged veterans or surviving spouse: No fee.</p> <p>Mobile Food Vendor Course: \$53 (Renewed Periodically) Frozen Dessert Permit Fee: \$25 (for machine) Green Cart Permit Fee: \$75</p>	Not specified.	<p>-Health Certificate: \$30 -Health Department Plan Review Fee: \$150 -Pre-operating Inspection Fee: \$190 -Commercial Activity License (no fee) -Food License: \$150 -Sidewalk Vendor License: \$300 -Push Cart Vendor License: \$300 - All annual fees.</p>	<p>Application Fee:\$60 (One-time) Insurance Review Fee:\$15 (One-time) Permit Fee: \$75 (Annual)</p>	<p>Public Works Fees: -Application Filing Fee: \$135 -Notification Fee: \$216 -Inspection Fee: \$413</p> <p>Health Department Fees: -Plan Check Fee: \$382</p> <p>Fire Department Fee: \$330</p> <p>Tax License Fee: Depends on Gross Receipts -All annual fees.</p>	<p>Permit Fee: \$235 (1 Year)</p>	<p>Vendor Business License Fee: \$50 Permit Fee: \$25 or \$98</p>

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Licensing Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -City License -County Health Department Permit for food sales. -State Sales and Use Permit -Liability Insurance -Notification of adjacent businesses required. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -City License -Health Department permit for food sales. Health Department inspection. -Liability Insurance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -City Business License - Surety Bond: \$10,000 - Consent from property owner -Texas Sales and Use Tax Permit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Licensing requirements within Special Sidewalk Vending Districts (none established at this time). -City Business Tax Registration -Liability Insurance -Written approval from abutting business -Two passport photos -Adequate identification -Fingerprints for background check -One permit per applicant. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License and Permit are required to sell on NY sidewalks for merchandise and mobile food vendors. Merchandise License issued only to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Those on the Department of Consumer Affairs waiting list. - Honorably discharged veterans. - Spouses of honorably discharged veterans. Merchandise Licensing requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Letter certifying that the vendor is on the waiting list. - Proof of honorably discharge if applicable. - Marriage certificate of spouse of an honorably discharged veteran. -Passport photo. -Sales Tax Identification Number -Proof of home address. -Proof of tax clearance if applicable. -Child Support Enforcement form. Specialized Vending License allows permit holder to vend in restricted areas. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Must be on DCA waiting list and an honorable discharged veteran with a service-related disability. Workers Compensation and Disability Insurance required if the owner has employees. Food Sales require Health Permit. Vending in parks requires a separate permit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Health Department Permit required for Food Sales -City Business License -Operator's Permit -Background investigation required. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Operation Eligibility Certificate -License Eligibility Report -Commercial Activity License is required for all businesses in Philadelphia. -Food License -Vendor License -Federal Employer ID# -City Tax Account # -State Sales and Use Tax 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office of Transportation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Sidewalks Bureau of Parks and Recreation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Parks County Health Office <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -food sales Fire Bureau Inspection required. Consent from abutting business owners Site Plan Detailed Drawings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Application Maximum of 7 permits per applicant. -Notification required of all buildings within 300 foot radius -Notice of Hearing to be issued. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Application Business License -Background Check - Disclosure of all criminal convictions including ordinance violations and traffic offenses. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vendor Permit required. - Applicant's full name and address. - Proof of applicant's identity. - Proof of insurance coverage satisfactory to City. - A brief description of the type of food products or goods to be sold. - The location where the applicant plans to vend. - Name of employer, if applicable. - Description of the pushcart or device. - Health Permit for food sales.
Operating Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Operational items such as coolers, propane tanks, or cash registers are not allowed on the ground. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sidewalk pushcart vendors -Roaming type of vending. -Wheeled, non-motorized cart. -Only allowed to sell completely wrapped portions of food. -Food Menu displayed. -Color-coded emblems required for identification purposes. Peddler -Wear Photo Badge -One helper allowed per cart. -Hours Prohibited in alleys between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. -Peddling of flowers, floral bouquets, growing plants is not allowed. -Only fruits and vegetables allowed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Only the sale of frozen desserts is permitted on sidewalks. -Tricycles and Push Carts may be used for the sale of frozen desserts. -Packaged frozen desserts (popsicles and ice-cream bars). -No other foods may be sold on street or sidewalks. -Separate permit required for vending in parks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pushcarts -6' by 3'6" by 6'6" -Decals required on each side of cart -All advertising attached to cart. -May use compact stool or chair. -No vending on roadway. -Trash receptacle required. -City permit must be visible. -Carts must be no less than 18" from the curb. -Permits are not transferable. -Carts must not be chained or fastened to any pole or sign. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green Carts -Only the sale of fruits and vegetables is permitted. - Decals affixed on each side of cart. - Decal shall contain permit number. -Display borough and police precinct where allowed to operate. -Decals may not be removed or transferred. -City will issue a distinct "green cart" umbrella for identification purposes. -Umbrella must be attached to the cart. Operating Requirements for merchandise and food other than green cart foods was not available. No new permit shall be issued after October 31, 2013, for any pushcart that exceeds 10' by 5'. No use of pushcart or food for sleeping or other residential purposes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Push cart vending is permitted in residential areas only for no more than 5 minutes in a single location. -No amplified sound. Vending in parks permitted for a limited time of four hours. -Cart must be moved more than 500 after the four hour period. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Trash receptacle required. -30' from other vendors. -Cart must not exceed dimensions of 4' by 8' by 8'. -Cart must be easily moved when fully loaded. -No tables, crates or racks. -No vending between midnight and 7:00 a.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Vending must not cause congestion or blocking of pedestrian traffic on the sidewalk Pre-approved list of items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -ready to eat food -fresh cut flowers -inflated balloons -shoe shining -umbrellas Short transaction to complete sale No undue noise or offensive odors. Item sold must be easily carried by pedestrians. Trash cans, pick up litter. No operation between midnight and 6:00 a.m. Design, materials and colors are to be well crafted and considerate of the immediate surroundings of the proposed installation Restrictions for umbrellas and canopies. Cart must be self-contained. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Hours of Operation: 6:00 AM to 3 AM the following day. -Vending limited to three days per week. Good Neighbor Policy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Noise level, safety and cleanliness. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Vending only from a pushcart. -Max dimensions: 6' x 4' Operator must wear uniform. -No artificial lighting. Refuse bin required. -No noise devices. -Ice Cream Carts: Stainless steel 46" by 31" by 22" -Affixed City logo. -Uniform required. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Cart should be clean and safe condition. -Pushcart should display: Name, business name and permit number. -Health Department permit number. -Copy of vendor's permit on both sides. -No vending between 1:00 am and 3 AM, on Saturday or Sunday, and specified holidays.

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Placement Characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Vending site shall have usable space of 10' by 10' feet for stand, vendor and customers. -Vending stand shall not exceed 4' by 5'. -6' wide pedestrian clear zone. -10 feet from entrance or doorway to other businesses. -16' minimum sidewalk area. -20' from other vendors and 20' entryway to a business selling comparable type merchandise. -20' from driveway or pedestrian crosswalk. -10' by 10' area stand for vendor and customers. -10' entrance or doorway. -Vending cart shall not obstruct or block a display window. - Vendors with multiple locations must be within 1,000' of one another. 	Not available.	Not available.	Not available.	When vending on the sidewalk, the operator must place the unit so that the longer side is adjacent and parallel to the curb.	Not specified.	Not specified.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -100' away from restaurant, fruit stand or coffee shop (except with written consent). -Flower vendors 100 feet away flower shop. -Permit operating area is from midpoint of one block face to midpoint of the next block face. -Only one vending cart is allowed in an operating area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -1,000 ft. from schools between 7:00 AM and 5 PM. -750 ft. from specifically named schools. -75 ft. radius around restaurants. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Placement: 50' from other cart -200' from school or church. -500' from Zoo -10' from intersection, driveway, or entrance. -No stationary carts (except in Districts). Hours of operation: -9AM to 6 PM -Cart Dimensions 6' by 4' -Trash can required. Ice Cream Cart Dimensions: -Stainless steel, 46" in by 31" by 22" Evidence of purchase post Jan. 1, 2002 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -10' from business, doors, driveways, exits. -10' from any bus stop. -10' from street corner or crosswalk. -35' of any other vendor. -No vending in a manner that blocks free movement of pedestrians. -No vending on beaches or parkways. -Receipts should be issued upon request.
Health Requirements	-Food sales require Health Department Permit.	-Food sales require Health Department Permit.	-Food sales require Health Department Permit	-Food sales require Health Department Permit.	-Food sales require Health Department Permit.	-Food sales require Health Department Permit.	-Food sales require Health Department Permit.	-Food sales require Health Department Permit.	-Food sales require Health Department Permit.	-Food sales require Health Department Permit.	-Food sales require Health Department Permit.

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Vending Permit Cap	Not specified.	Not specified.	Not specified.	Not applicable.	<p>General Merchandise Permits: Currently 853 (waiting list of thousands), unless applicant is an honorably discharged veteran or a spouse of an honorably discharged veteran.</p> <p>Mobile Food Permits: -3,100 Permits Citywide (2 years), in addition, -100 permits for disabled persons and honorably discharged veteran, and - 50 per borough except Manhattan (200).</p> <p>Green Cart Permits: 1,000 Total -Brooklyn 350 -Bronx 350 -Manhattan 150 -Queens 100 -Staten Island 50</p> <p>1,000 Season Citywide (April - October)</p>	Permits are issued annually on a first-come, first-served basis. A minimum of 30 push cart permits shall be issued annually. The maximum number of permits shall be determined by the Health Department based on staff availability.	Not specified.	Not specified.	Not available.	<p>-Number of permits outside the districts shall not exceed: 178.</p> <p>-Citywide Ice Cream Permits: 120</p> <p>-Civic Center District: 9 Permits</p> <p>-Downtown District: 13 Permits</p>	Not available.
Mobile Food Vending Classifications	<p>Restricted - Foods that are prepackaged.</p> <p>Unrestricted - Food that is packaged or prepared on mobile unit.</p>	<p>Mobile Food Vendor: - Mobile Food Dispenser - Mobile Food Preparer - Produce Merchant - Mobile Prepared Food Vendor - Mobile Desserts Vendor</p> <p>Peddling Allowed</p>	Only the sale of frozen desserts is permitted on sidewalks.	Not applicable.	<p>-Class A: Prepare and process raw potentially hazardous food.</p> <p>-Class B: Prepare and process potentially hazardous foods that are manufactured or pre-cooked.</p> <p>-Class C: Serve only intact, prepackaged potentially hazardous foods requiring temperature control for safety.</p> <p>-Class D: Serve only non-potentially hazardous packaged or unpackaged foods that do not require temperature control.</p> <p>-Class E: Green Carts</p>	Not specified.	Not specified.	Not specified.	Not specified.	Not specified.	Not specified.

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Enforcement	<p>- Any violation is classified as Class C misdemeanor which is punishable by a fine of up to \$500.</p> <p>- Enforcement by the Austin Police Department.</p>	<p>Violation of any provision: \$50-\$200 Fine</p> <p>Noise level or furnishing false information is subject to: \$300 fine for first offense and \$500 for subsequent violations.</p>	Not available.	<p>Enforcement Agencies: -Bureau of Street Services -Police Department</p> <p>Citations within Special Districts -First, second and third violations are classified as infractions. -A fourth violation within a two year period of the first violation is classified as a misdemeanor.</p> <p>Citations outside Special Districts: -BSS: Citations are referred to City Attorney. City Attorney determines whether to file with the court. The court may dismiss the case, impose a fine of up to \$1,000 and/or jail time.</p> <p>Citations under Administrative Citation Enforcement Program (Police): -1st Violation may result in a fine of: \$250 -2nd Violation may result in a fine of: \$500 -3rd and subsequent violations may result in a fine of: \$1,000</p> <p>Citations under Venice Beach Boardwalk Ordinance: -1st Violation: Infraction with a \$100 fine. -2nd Violation: Infraction punishable by a fine of \$250 or a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$1,000 or six months in jail.</p>	<p>-Enforcement Agency: Police, Consumer Affairs and Other authorized agencies.</p> <p>-In addition to police enforcement, health department staff attempt to make annual inspection of each of the food carts (in addition to initial inspection). Environmental Control Board hears vendor disputes and levies fines related to infractions.</p> <p>Penalty Schedule: -1st Violation: \$25-\$50 -2nd Violation: \$50-\$100 -3rd Violation: \$100-\$250 -Subsequent Violations: \$250-\$1,000</p> <p>Carts found in violation may be seized by the health department.</p> <p>Unattended carts may be seized by the health department.</p>	<p>- An operator's permit is not issued to an applicant convicted of crimes of violence or moral turpitude.</p> <p>-Enforcement is carried out by Health Department and occasionally by Police Department on a complaint-driven basis.</p>	Violations related to unlicensed sale of goods or services on the sidewalk: \$300	<p>City Engineer may suspend or revoke or deny issuance of renewal of a permit.</p> <p>Appeal to Council within 10 days.</p> <p>Any person violating any provisions may be punished by a fine not to exceed \$500 or by imprisonment for up to 6 months.</p>	<p>-Director may suspend or revoke permit.</p> <p>Penalty Schedule: -1st Violation: \$100 -2nd Violation: \$200 -3rd and subsequent violations: \$500.</p>	<p>-Pushcart may be impounded by Police or any other enforcement agency in the course of an arrest for violations.</p> <p>-Permit may be suspended or revoked (1 Year). Appeal to City Council.</p>	<p>-Violations may result in an infraction punishable by a fine not to exceed \$250 per violation.</p> <p>-Violation of not having a permit may result in a misdemeanor and fine not to exceed \$1,000.</p>

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Location	Stationary vending on sidewalks. No Vending Zones: 1. Austin Convention Center 2. Palmer Events Center 3. Long Center for the Performing Arts 4. Frank Erwin Center 5. All Austin park land (separate permit required) 6. Capitol Grounds and other state-controlled property Separate permit required from Parks and Recreation department to vend in parks.	-Peddlers may sell within 1,000 feet of Wrigley Field; must be mobile. -Mobile vendors may not vend within 1,000 feet from Wrigley Field. -Certain areas of the City have been designated as "no peddling and no vending zones;" such as the Medical Center District.	No frozen dessert vending within the Houston Theater District.	N/A	Restricted by streets where no vending is permitted. In some cases vending may be prohibited only in certain sections of the street or it may be prohibited by hours of operation. Authorization needed from Parks Department when location is desired in park. No Green Carts within 45th (Bronx) and 72nd (Brooklyn) police precincts.	-Push cart vending permitted in residential areas for no more than five minutes in a single location. -Push cart vending permitted in a public park for no more than four hours in one location (provided another entity has not secured a permit for concessions). -Vending prohibited in Civic Center and libraries.	Vending prohibited in streets and areas designated by the City Council. Two special districts have been created: -Callohill District: 2 vendors permitted -32nd Street District- 10 vendors permitted Vendors within districts must comply with any additional requirements established within such district.	-Stationary vending only. Vending allowed only in commercial zones. Vending limited to specific locations.	-No vending in residential areas -No vending in Twin Peaks. -No vending on sidewalks or streets adjacent to parks. -No vending on sidewalks under jurisdiction of Caltrans AT&T -No vending in parks two hours before and two hours after events.	Vending on sidewalks only from a pushcart. -Separate Permit required for vending in the Civic Center District and the Downtown District.	Not specified.