DEFINITIONS

FOOD VENDOR  http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/docs/vip/PLAN_CHECK_GUIDELINES_1.pdf PLAN CHECK GUIDELINES FOR MOBILE FOOD FACILITIES AND MOBILE SUPPORT UNIT. These guidelines have been established to assist in the permitting process for a mobile food facility. The following requirements are extracted from the California Health & Safety Code, California Retail Food Code (Cal Code).

A Mobile Food Facility is any vehicle used in conjunction with a commissary or other permanent food facility upon which food is sold or distributed at retail. A Mobile Food Facility does not include a transporter used to transport packaged food from a food facility, or other approved source to the consumer. The Mobile Food Facility shall be designed as a self-contained unit. The cart design shall take into consideration local environmental conditions for a safe food operation and storage of the Mobile food Facility. STORAGE OF THE MOBILE FOOD FACILITY OR ANY TYPE OF FOOD PRODUCT AT HOME IS NOT APPROVED.

VENDOR /ˈvendər/ noun. plural vendors. Learner’s definition of VENDOR 1: a person who sells things especially on the streetNa hot dog vendor 2: a business that sells a particular type of product vendors of computer parts software vendors. A street vendor is a person who offers goods or services for sale to the public without having a permanently built structure but with a temporary static structure or mobile stall (or head-load).

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RESTAURANT (French: [ʁɛstoʁɑ̃] ( listen)), or an eatery, is a business which prepares and serves food and drinks to customers in exchange for money. Meals are generally served and eaten on the premises, but many restaurants also offer take-out and food delivery services. Fast food restaurants are also considered a restaurant. The traveling public has long been catered for with ship’s messes and railway restaurant cars which are, in effect, traveling restaurants. What is the full form of ‘TIP’ in restaurants?

***MOBILE UNREGULATED STREET RESTAURANTS OPERATING UNDER TENTS -CAMPING IN FRONT OF BUSINESS- An unregulated restaurant, preparing and serving HOT COOKED FOOD OVER OPEN FIRE AND MULTIPLE GRILLS, PROPANE GAS STOVES, BOILING GREASE and SERVING over contaminated soil and/or cement, serving drinks to customers in exchange for money, with food served and eaten on set tables, providing take-out and food delivery services without proper food handling education, cooking in insanitary conditions, including no water, bathrooms, trash, refrigerators, proper food storage, cutting raw meats with same cutting boards as cooked foods, cross contaminating foods, with no respect for the public’s ADA’s right of passage, and BLATANTLY IGNORING STREET VENDING LAWS. Unregulated by street services, playing loud music, camping on sidewalk in front of already established brick and mortar business, BLATANTLY using address’s for pick-up and delivery through YELP Grub-hub, Uber eats, etc, giving the illusion to the public that they are sanctioned by the Health Department, and Now creating heath concerns that may cause food poisoning, spread of hepatitis which may cause death or injury. OPEN AIR to the elements without sanctioned Heath Department permits.

Restaurant. An eatery, is a business which prepares and serves food and drinks to customers in exchange for money. Meals are generally served and eaten on the premises, but many restaurants also offer take-out and food delivery services. AN EATERY OPERATING ON THE DIRT, SIDEWALK, Private PARKING LOT, Commercial property parking lot, including gas station, without Permits violating the SB 946’s licensing guideline. “Cities cannot determine where vendors can operate, unless there is a health, safety, or welfare concern.”
Illegal vending is a serious public health hazard to our communities throughout Los Angeles County. The Mobile Food Vending Investigation and Compliance Program is responsible for inspecting these vendors who prepare and/or sell food without a Public Health Permit. Every approved mobile food facility can be identified by a numbered and dated sticker affixed to the truck or cart (pictured below).

If a vendor is selling food and does not have a sticker or a health permit, they are possibly selling food illegally and should be reported to the program. Other violations, most of which can possibly make people sick include:

- No potable water for food handlers to wash their hands or utensils
- Food obtained from unapproved sources
- Potentially hazardous food held at unsafe temperatures
- Lack of proper equipment to maintain food at the required temperatures
- Unsanitary conditions including unclean food equipment
- Food not protected from contamination or adulteration
- No restroom available for food handlers
- Unapproved food equipment

The following pictures show examples of different vendors found working illegally.

The Mobile Food Vending Investigation and Compliance Program is made up of ten inspectors who investigate complaints from the public. Due to limited resources, the size of the county, and the number of complaints received each day, it may take some time to address each complaint, but every single complaint will be investigated. To file a complaint, you may call the number listed below. Be prepared to give specific information including address, city, zip code, day and times of operation, a description of what the vendor is selling, if the vendor is doing any food preparation (cutting, cooking, grilling), and the police division that covers that area.

To pay for your Public Health Permit and/or License using your Credit Card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or Discover), Debit Card, or Electronic Check (ECheck), please visit our Payment Portal.

A convenience fee per transaction will apply. The convenience fees for Credit Card, Debit Card, and Electronic Check are 2.25% of payment, $1.49, and $0.95 respectively. Please have your Account ID and your Facility ID numbers from your billing statement ready. Payment will only be accepted online for the total amount owed on an account. Terms and Conditions apply. For more information about Permit and License Billing, please visit our Payment information page.