



Mobile Vending Workshop

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A Community Discussion

For more information on mobile vending and the City's outreach efforts on the issue, please visit:

Cityofslt.us/mobilevending

At its regular meeting on May 15, 2018, the City Council directed City staff to conduct public outreach and research on the potential to modify existing regulations regarding mobile vending in the City.

Food trucks have been gaining popularity in many communities throughout the country and there is an interest by some members of the community to provide more opportunities

for food trucks in South Lake Tahoe.

“Advocates of stricter regulations generally assert that mobile vending congests sidewalks and streets, are unsanitary, and diminish urban quality of life. Regulations that currently impede mobile vending operations in U.S. cities commonly include public property bans, restricted zones, proximity bans, and duration restrictions. Supporters tend to argue that food trucks provide

affordable, high quality food, rejuvenate public space, and fairly compete with size and open-air limitations” (National League of Cities, 2013)

The City is engaging the community to discuss current regulations and the approach to food trucks that other cities have taken. The workshop will provide an opportunity to share different perspectives on food trucks.



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Existing Regulations

City Code

City Code Section 4.35- Mobile Vending on City Streets

Allows for mobile vending on city streets with approved owner's permit and operator's license. Parking to vend is limited to 15 minutes, vending may not occur on a highway, in the vicinity of schools. Additional operational requirements are detailed in this section.

City Code Section 6.55.230-

Temporary Activities

Allows for mobile vendors on private property to be permitted as part of a temporary activity. Four temporary activities are allowed on a property each year (TRPA Code Section 90.2) and they are limited to four days in duration.

City Code Section 3.35.040—

Business and Professions Certificate

Any business needs a business license to operate legally, but going mobile requires you to get permits for all the cities and counties where you operate, not just your static business address.

El Dorado County Environmental Management

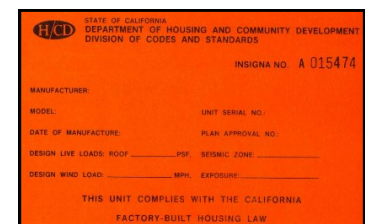
California Retail Food Code

The County Health Division issues permits to mobile food facilities after a plan review and inspection. Mobile food facilities must have an approved commissary (commercial kitchen) for storage of food and supplies, cleaning and sanitizing, sanitary disposal, and potable water. If the mobile food facility conducts business in one location for more than one hour, restrooms must be available within 200 feet. Mobile food facility must be shelf contained and cannot utilize outdoor BBQs or ovens unless part of a community event.

California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)

California Code of Regulations Title 25

HCD conducts a one time inspection of commercial modular units for compliance with regulations related to fire, exiting, room dimensions, openings, electrical, mechanical, plumbing, ventilation and equipment safety. Approved commercial modular units receive an HCD insignia.



Case Studies

Town of Truckee

Mobile food vending on City streets is not allowed in Truckee. Mobile food vending on private property is allowed, without a permit from the City, subject to the following requirements:

1. Limited to six hours

in a single area unless providing catering to a private event or part of an approved Special Event Permit.

2. Must be on developed private property and must have written consent from the property owner.

3. Location shall not interfere with pedestrian or vehicular access, and shall not be located within required parking spaces for any business on the site.

4. Subject to the requirements of the Nevada County Department of Environmental Health (NCDEH) and must have written approval from NCDEH to operate.

City of Monterey

Mobile food vending in Monterey requires a City permit. There are three types of permits for mobile food vending that are issued by the City of Monterey, Short-Term Operation on City Streets, Long-Term Operation on City Streets, and Private Property Operation. All mobile vending is limited to the hours between 8:00am and 8:00pm and requires the vendor to maintain a clean site within 25 feet of operations. Vending is not allowed in City parking lots or garages.

Mobile vending on City Streets is subject to the following requirements:

1. Short term permittees are limited to one hour on the same block and cannot return to a block within four hours. Long term permittees are limited to times specified in the permit.
2. Cannot operate within one block of any school on days that school is open between the hours of 8:00a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
3. Cannot operate with-

in one block of any City park where a City-approved and permitted special event is taking place without having obtained a special event permit.

4. Must operate in legal parking space and obey all parking regulations;
5. Maintain minimum 8-foot clearance on sidewalks.
6. Vending is not allowed on scenic Light-house Drive. Long term operations are limited to locations specified in the permit.

7. Long term operations must provide access to a restroom.
8. Private Property Operations must have written permission from property owner.
9. Private Property Operations are limited to a single location for no more than two hours in any 24-hour period unless a conditional use permit, a temporary use or special event permit has been obtained.



City of Reno

Mobile vending in Reno requires the owner to obtain a Business License. Operations not in compliance with the following regulations are subject to Code Enforcement actions:

1. Requires Washoe County Health District permit.
2. Limited to 4 hours in 24 hour period in one spot.
3. Requires property owner permission to conduct business on commercial private property
4. Prohibited on residentially zoned property.
5. Prohibited on highway, street, alley, sidewalk or city-owned or city-operated public parking lot.
6. Prohibited within 300 feet of any school, church, playground or park without the express written consent of the property owner or responsible person for the school, church, playground or park.
7. Must obtain a permit to operate in the city park or parking lot serving a city park.
8. Prohibited within 100 feet of permanent restaurant during business hours.
9. Operations limited to the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m., unless the activities are conducted on a property within an area zoned for 24-hour operations or the property is under the privilege of a special use permit allowing such use.
10. Prohibits use of amplified sound or other forms used for attracting attention, to include yelling and/or "hawking."
11. Advertising signs must be affixed to the vehicle/unit and may only advertise the business of the mobile vendor.
12. Vehicles/units must be self-contained. No outdoor cooking or BBQ.
13. Prohibits vending within 300 feet of a permitted special event or activity unless the vendor is included as part of the event and allowed by written permission of event organizer.
14. No sale or service of alcohol.

City of Santa Cruz

Mobile food vending in Santa Cruz requires the owner to obtain a permit from the City. The permit requires a Police Department background check and annual renewal.

Mobile vending operations are subject to the following regulations:

1. Limited to residential and industrial areas. No vending is allowed in commercial districts unless it is part of a permit for a special event.
2. Limited locations specified on each permit.
3. Limited to 8:00am to 9:00pm
4. Maximum of 15 minutes per stop in residential zones. Maximum four hours per stop in other zones.
5. No vending within 300 feet of a school or park, unless part of pilot program.
6. Requires business license.
7. Must comply with the City Environmentally Acceptable Food Packaging ordinance which stipulates that all food service providers shall provide food or drink in containers that are reusable, biodegradable, compostable or recyclable.
8. Prohibits tables, chairs, shade structures, and signs on streets, parking spaces, or sidewalks.
9. Shall provide waste containers and litter removal within 50 feet of vending.
10. Prohibits encroachment on sidewalk except waste containers where four feet of clearance is provided. Must manage customer queuing to maintain pedestrian access.
11. Prohibits amplified sound. Some sounds devices may be approved as part of permit.
12. Must be legally parked and pay for parking where required. Park where customers can safely order and pick up food without standing in road, parking space or landscaping.



City of Sacramento

Mobile food vending in Sacramento requires a Mobile Food Vendor Permit issued by the City, which must be renewed annually. Operations are subject to the following regulations:

1. Annual permit expires April 30 and renewal requires an inspection.
2. Personal disclosure forms – Verifies each business owner's awareness of permit requirements and laws pertaining to mobile vending business and any past criminal convictions.
3. Insurance coverage of \$1,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence for both AUTO and GENERAL liability and indicates the City of Sacramento as additional insured.
4. Health Permit from Sacramento County Environmental Management Dept.
5. Current DMV registration
6. Permit must be posted on the vehicle
7. Vehicle must be lawfully parked.
8. Requires adequate lighting for customer safety, directed downward and away from public street and adjacent property.
9. Prohibits signs, tables, chairs, fences, shade structures, or other furniture.
10. Operations shall not block streets, sidewalks, paths, driveways, doorways, and other avenues of vehicular and pedestrian traffic.
11. Maintain the area surrounding the vehicle free of trash and provide customers with a receptacle for garbage.
12. Limits operation to a one-hour period in any location, or within four hundred (400) feet of that location, unless the permittee has provided a copy of the county of Sacramento's approval of readily available toilet and handwashing facilities within two hundred (200) .
13. If operating on the street, must not be within 400 feet of another food vending vehicle, within 50 feet of an intersection, within 100 feet of any restaurant or café outdoor seating.
14. Must not be within 400 feet of a school between the hours of 7:00am and 4:00pm on school days.
15. Must not operate within one thousand (1,000) feet of any establishment that maintains a valid entertainment permit between 1:00 a.m. and 3:00 a.m.
16. Time restrictions on operating in residential zoning districts.



Regulation	Jurisdiction Case Studies				
	Truckee	Sacramento	Reno	Monterey	Santa Cruz
Planning Permit Required	None	1.1. Food Vending Vehicle Permit; and, 2. Food Vending Vehicle Driver Permit; and/or, 3. Food Vending Vehicle Property Permit *Permits renewed annually	None [Business License Only]	1. Vending Permit; or 2. Long Term Permit; or 3. Private Property Permit *Permits renewed annually	Annual Mobile Vending Permit *Permit renewed annually
County Health Approval (e.g. Restrooms, Commissary, Truck Inspections, etc.)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Allowed on Undeveloped Parcels	No	No	—	—	—
Allowed on Private Property w/Owner Consent	✓	More than 30 minutes: Vending Vehicle Permit Reqd. 1-2 Food Vendor(s): Planning Director Approval w/ surrounding Property Notification More than two: Conditional Use Permit	✓	✓	✓ 3 Vendors Max.
Allowed in Right of Way	Prohibited	✓	Prohibited	✓	✓
Business License	No	✓	✓	✓	✓
Design Criteria	Cannot be located within required parking spaces for business	None	None	Color Photograph Reqd. w/ Application	Photograph, Vehicle Make and Model
Signage	None	-City Permit Decal & Permit Number must be displayed on truck -No Freestanding Signs	Must be affixed to vehicle	—	Additional signage prohibited
Garbage/Recycling Receptacles	—	✓	—	✓ Clear all trash w/in 25'	ROW: Allowed on sidewalk with a min. 4' pedestrian clearance Private Propy: Reqd. w/in 50'

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