



City of Oakland

MOBILE FOOD VENDING

Food Trucks, Trailers, and Sidewalk Vendors



To vend food and non-alcoholic beverages from the public right-of-way, private property or city owned property you must have a City of Oakland Mobile Vending Permit.

Applications available at <https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/food-and-mobile-vending-permits>

Special Event and Group Site Participants

Buffer distances between vendors do not apply if you are part of a special event or permitted mobile group site.

- To Apply for a Special Event Permit: <https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/special-events>
- To Apply for a Group Site application: <https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/food-and-mobile-vending-permits>

A vendor is a person who sells food or non-alcoholic beverages in the public right-of-way, private property, or city owned property from a food truck, trailer, pushcart, stationary cart or other equipment allowed by the Alameda County Environmental Health Department.

There are two types of vendors:

A Roaming Vendor moves from place to place and stops only to make a sale.

A Stationary Vendor sells from a fixed location e.g., public right-of-way, private or city owned property on commercial or industrial zones.

Where can I vend after receiving my permit?

Pushcart Roaming Vendors can vend on any city sidewalk as long as they comply with *sidewalk clearances*, *buffer distances* and *special permissions*.*

Stationary Vendors can vend on parking lanes, sidewalks, private property or city owned property in commercial or industrial zones. As long as they comply with *sidewalk clearances*, *buffer distances*, *parking requirements*, and *special permissions*.*

All Vendors are must comply with all parking laws e.g., paying meter parking, not parking in front of bus stops, or red, yellow, green zones.

More Details?

Visit our website for applications <https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/food-and-mobile-vending-permits>

Sidewalk Clearances

Vending facilities must maintain at least 6-foot clear path of travel along the sidewalk. Additional clearance requirements, such as distances from bus stops, fire hydrants, curb ramps, building entrances and others are also required.

Special Permissions

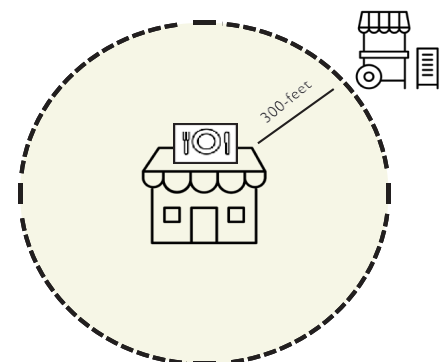
Parks: To vend in City of Oakland parks, vendors must also get permission from the Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth Development Department. Please visit <https://www.oaklandca.gov/services/rentals-and-reservations> for additional information.

Schools: Vending within 300 feet of any school is **only allowed if a waiver is granted** by the school's Supervising Entity to sell healthy food and non-food merchandise.

Buffer Distance

Mobile Food Vending outside of a special event or group site is not allowed within:

- 300 Feet of any other permitted mobile food vendor
- 100 Feet from another permitted sidewalk Vendor
- 300 Feet of a Restaurant or Café
- 300 Feet of Schools
- 300 Feet of a Farmer's Market, Flea Market, or other Special Events (like "First Friday" or "Off the Grid")
- See Mobile Vending Website for Details



Please obtain the following permits and insurance before applying for a Mobile Vending Permit

Health Permit

Alameda
County
Department of
Environmental
Health
1131 Harbor Bay Parkway,
Alameda, CA
(510) 567-6700
www.acgov.org/aceh

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Proof of Insurance

Talk to an
Insurance Agent
General Liability
Insurance is required;
Worker's Compensation
Insurance may also be
required.
Request a Sample Document
mobilevending@oaklandca.gov

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Fire Clearance

Fire
Prevention Bureau
250 Frank H. Ogawa
Plaza,
Suite 3341, Oakland
Email:
FPBReceptionist@oaklandca.gov
Vendors using generators,
natural gas, propane, butane
may require a permit and/or
inspection for fire safety.

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Please note there is no mobile vending application or permit fee until July 2023

Applications Available

Please visit:

<https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/food-and-mobile-vending-permits>

CALL: 510-238-2273

EMAIL: Mobilevending@oaklandca.gov

To report unpermitted vending please email:

Mobilevending@oaklandca.gov

Resources

Interested in vending on City Owned Property?

More information contact City of Oakland Real Estate Department:

<https://www.oaklandca.gov/resources/use-city-owned-outdoor-property>

Or email Jinnhua Su at
JSu@oaklandca.gov

Business Assistance Center Free help and referrals for small business owners and entrepreneurs located in Oakland:

<https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/oakland-business-assistance-center>

Or

email Juno Thomas
JThomas@oaklandca.gov

Keep in mind...

The **regular permitted hours for mobile vendors** are 7 am to 10 pm daily. Late night vending may be allowed if adjacent businesses are open late.

You will also need a business license! You can obtain a license after you receive your Mobile Vending Permit. Contact the Business Tax Office please visit:
<https://www.oaklandca.gov/services/apply-for-a-business-license-online> for more information.

250 Frank H Ogawa Plaza,
Suite 1320, Oakland, CA
(510) 238-3704

Check our website and sign up for email updates
<https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/food-and-mobile-vending-permits>



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Permit Application Process



Applications available at: <https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/food-and-mobile-vending-permits>

Have Questions?

Feel free to contact the Special Activity Permits Division for question.

Please email:

Mobilevending@oaklandca.gov

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Or email Jinhua Su at: JSu@oaklandca.gov

Business Assistance Center

Free help and referrals for small business owners and entrepreneurs. Please visit:

https://www.oaklandca.gov/to_pics/oakland-business-assistance-center

Note

Vending on Private Property must take place in a commercial or industrial zone.

Worker's Compensation Insurance is required if you have one employee or more.

Public right-of-way e.g., sidewalk or parking lane in a commercial or industrial zone.

Food Vendors

Step 1

Alameda County Health Permit
<https://deh.acgov.org/operations/mff.page>

Step 2

Fire Prevention Inspection

(cooking with gas)

Email:

FPBReceptionist@oaklandca.gov

Step 3

*Obtain General Liability Insurance.
To request a Sample Document email:
mobilevending@oaklandca.gov

Step 4: Mobile Vending Application**

<https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/food-and-mobile-vending-permits>

Submit copies of documents with your application. *If vending on private property, submit a copy of your lease agreement along with your application.*

Final Step:

City of Oakland Business License/Certificate.

<https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/oakland-business-assistance-center>

Now you are ready to vend!



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MOBILE FOOD VENDING SAFETY REQUIREMENTS



Applications available at: <https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/food-and-mobile-vending-permits>

Safety Requirements for Vending Food on Sidewalks and Parking Lanes

Sidewalk Clearance

- 6-foot straight path clearance
- Measured from store wall to furthest city placed obstruction e.g., light pole, parking meter, etc..

Buffer Requirements

- 300-feet from Restaurants and Café's
- 300-feet from food trucks and trailers
- 300-feet from schools unless authorized by school Super Intendent.
- 100-feet from other permitted sidewalk vendors

Parking Lane Vending:

- Vendor is responsible for obeying all parking laws and practicing good neighbor policies

Stationary Vendors

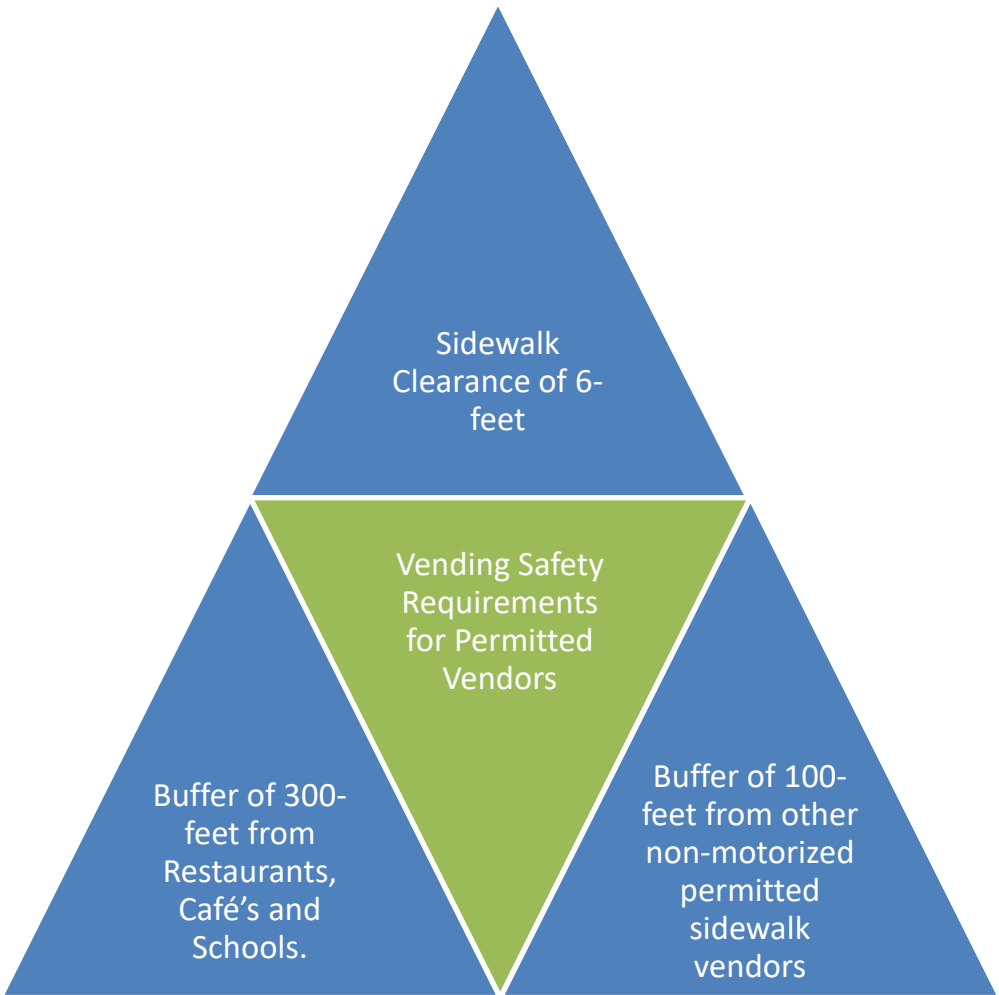
- May vend in commercial and industrial zones with buffer, safety and health requirements. Vending for more than 60 minutes requires a restroom signature.

Roaming Vendors

- Stopping only long enough to make a sale and continue to other locations while respecting safety requirements.

Public right-of-way

- Parking Lanes.



For a Map of Permitted Vending Areas Please visit:
<https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/food-and-mobile-vending-permits>

To Vend in City Parks:
This Permit does not grant permission to vend on City Park Land e.g., Lake Merritt, Mosswood Park, etc.. Please visit Parks, Recreational & Youth Development for additional information on obtaining permission to vend <https://www.oaklandca.gov/services/rentals-and-reservations>