

What Is a Sidewalk Vendor?

A sidewalk vendor is a person or persons who sell food or merchandise from a pushcart, stand, equipment, display, pedal-driven cart, wagon, showcase, rack or other non-motorized conveyance, or from one's person upon a public sidewalk or other pedestrian path. Sidewalk vendor includes roaming sidewalk vendor and stationary sidewalk vendor.

Sidewalk Vending Related to Parks, Special Events, or Locations That Are Subject to Special Permits

- Sidewalk vendors may not vend within three hundred (300) feet of a permitted event for the duration or within operating hours of such an event. Permitted events include certified farmer's markets, swap meets and any event that requires the temporary use of, or encroachment on, the sidewalk or other public area, including, but not limited to, an encroachment permit, special event permit, film permit or temporary use permits.
- Stationary sidewalk vendors may not vend in any park subject to a signed, exclusive concessionaire's agreement.

City of Santa Clarita Fee Schedule:*

New Applications and Annual Renewals: \$188.00

Updates to Applications: \$93.00

**subject to increase 07/01/23*

Resources:

County of Los Angeles Public Health

Public Health Permit

publichealth.lacounty.gov

Telephone: (626) 430-5350

Email: ehvip@ph.lacounty.gov

County of Los Angeles Treasurer and Tax Collector

Business License

ttc.lacounty.gov

Telephone: (213) 974-2011

California Department of Tax and Fee Administration

Seller's Permit

cdtfa.ca.gov/taxes-and-fees/faqseller.htm

Telephone: (800) 400-7115



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SAFE SIDEWALK

Vending Guide

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Sidewalk Vending Permit Application Checklist:

For a sidewalk vendor permit for Prepared Food, an applicant will need to provide the following*:

- City Application
- Valid Photo Identification
- Proof of a Los Angeles County Public Health Permit
- Proof of a Los Angeles County Business License
- Proof of Liability Insurance
- Proof of a State of California Seller's Permit

For a sidewalk vendor permit for General Merchandise, an applicant will need to provide the following*:

- City Application
- Valid Photo Identification
- Proof of a Los Angeles County Business License
- Proof of Liability Insurance
- Proof of a State of California Seller's Permit

**Permit requirements subject to change.*

Administrative Fines:

Sidewalk vending in violation of Chapter 11.37 of the Santa Clarita Municipal Code (SCMC) and without valid permits is subject to administrative citations and/or confiscations.

Operational Requirements:

- Prominently display the valid Public Health Permit and Sidewalk Vending Permit on the cart.
- Maintain a clean and trash-free ten (10) foot radius from stationary cart during hours of operation and leave the area clean at all times.
- Provide a trash receptacle for customers and ensure proper disposal of customer trash. The trash receptacle must be large enough to accommodate customer trash.
- Vending to customers in moving vehicles is prohibited.

Vending in Residential Zoned Areas:

- Stationary vending equipment or cart shall not be used to vend within a residential area. A sidewalk vendor may use a mobile cart within a residential area and must move continuously except when necessary to complete a sale.

Vending Next to Schools:

- Sidewalk vending is not permitted within one thousand (1,000) feet of any school property boundary while children are going to or leaving such school during opening or closing hours, or during the noon or lunchtime recess period.

Prohibitions on Placement of Stationary Vending Equipment and Mobile Carts:

- Sidewalk vendors may not place or leave any vending equipment or cart in a manner that obstructs vehicular or pedestrian traffic, or creates visibility, sight line, or accessibility issues, and includes the following:
 - Within fifty (50) feet of any other sidewalk vendor.
 - Within twenty-five (25) feet of a street corner, controlled intersection, traffic signal or crosswalk.

- Within twenty-five (25) feet of a driveway or driveway apron.
- Within one-hundred (100) feet of a police officer, firefighter, or emergency medical personnel who is actively performing his or her duties or providing services to the public.
- Within twenty-five (25) feet of an alley way.
- Within fifty (50) feet of a freeway entrance or freeway exit.
- Where placement impedes the flow of vehicular traffic or parking, such as on public streets or public highways, or would cause vehicles to stop in traffic lanes.
- Where placement impedes the accessible route and flow of pedestrians by reducing the clear width space on a public sidewalk to less than four (4) feet, or impedes access to or the use of abutting property, including, but not limited to, residences and places of business, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The clear width of the sidewalk shall be four (4) feet minimum, exclusive of the width of the curb.
- Cart or accessory equipment of a sidewalk vendor may not be chained or fastened to any pole, sign, tree or other object in the public right-of-way of left unattended, unless permitted by the City.
- Sidewalk vendors may not install, use or maintain vending equipment or cart where placement endangers the safety of persons or property, such as on parkways or other landscape-maintained areas.
- For more information on operational requirements, please view Municipal Code 11.37 on the City's website.

