

Mobile Vendor Requirements

THIS HANDOUT IS A SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to Chapter 5.44 and Section 17.84.250 of the City's Municipal Code.

What are mobile vendors?

A mobile vendor is a person who sells food or merchandise from a motorized or nonmotorized conveyance that is moveable. There are different types of mobile vendors, including:

Stationary Mobile Vendor: A vendor that sells merchandise or prepares and serves food from a motorized or nonmotorized conveyance in a consistent location on private property. Motorized conveyances include mobile food facilities, vehicles, or trailers attached to vehicles. Nonmotorized conveyances include compact mobile food operations, pushcarts, stands, displays, pedal-driven carts, wagons, and showcase racks.

Roaming Mobile Vendor: A vendor (motorized or nonmotorized) who moves from place to place, stopping for a maximum of 30 minutes in each location on public or private property. If operating in the street (like an ice cream truck), vendors must move continuously, only stopping to complete transactions.



Location Requirements:

- Vending is prohibited on vacant or unimproved properties, or in stand-alone parking lots.
- May not be in an emergency fire lane, drive aisle, sidewalk, bike lane, or other pathway
- Vending is prohibited within 600 feet of certified farmer's markets, swap meets, and events, unless approved to sell at the event.
- Vendors may not be located on areas with flowers, shrubs, trees, or other landscaping.
- Vendors must be located at least 300 feet apart.
- No operation within 200 feet of:
 - Existing brick-and-mortar restaurants
- No operation within 100 feet of:
 - Emergency service personnel providing service to the public
 - Freeway ramps
- No operation within 25 feet of:
 - Traffic intersections
 - Driveways, entrances to parking lots, or alley approaches
 - Street corners or crosswalks
 - Traffic signals, traffic signal controllers, or emergency facilities
 - Fire hydrants or fire call boxes
 - Curbs painted white, yellow, green, blue, red, or signed for no parking
 - Bus stops
 - Entrances, exits, and emergency exits to buildings
- No operation within 15 feet of:
 - Automated teller machines

Stationary Vendors:

- Only allowed on private commercial properties in the following zones:
 - CMU-WM, CMU-E, CMU-K, CMU-F, CCMU, RC-F, RC, IF
 - Contact the Planning Division to verify the zoning for your proposed location.
- Prohibited in residential areas and within 100 feet of R-L, R-LM, R-M, and R-H zones.
- Only one stationary mobile vendor is allowed per lot, unless otherwise approved by the CDD Director.
- The approved commissary for stationary vendors must be located in the City of Woodland.

Operation Requirements:

- Must have a permit from the Yolo County Health Department and a restroom agreement (if applicable).
- A copy of the mobile vendor permit and the permit from the Yolo County Health Department shall be posted at all times in a location on the vehicle that is clearly visible to patrons and City staff.
- Must return to the approved commissary daily to dispose of waste, clean, and service the facility.
- Must be legally parked. The minimum number of on-site parking spaces pursuant to Section 17.68.030 must be available.
- Must keep the area clean of any litter or debris.
- Must provide trash receptacles for customer use.
- No playing chimes, amplified music, ringing bells, or any other noises to attract attention.
- All goods/merchandise must be stored inside or attached to the mobile vending facility.
- Shall not use any electrical outlets, power cords, or extension cords to serve the facility.
- Shall not attach or use water lines, electrical lines, or gas lines while vending.
- Vendors must organize customer queuing to prioritize pedestrian safety and not block the flow of traffic. Cannot vend to people in their vehicles in the roadway.

Storage:

- Mobile vending operations must be stored at the approved commissary, as applicable for food vendors.
- Up to 2 compact mobile food operations or other nonmotorized vending operations may be stored on a residential property if screened from public view and not causing any nuisance, subject to approval by the Yolo County Environmental Health Department.
- Mobile food facilities/motorized mobile vending facilities may be stored in commercial/industrial areas if screened, as approved by the CDD Director.

Prohibited Sales: Alcohol, cannabis, tobacco, pharmaceutical products, products that contain nicotine, fireworks, adult-oriented materials, weapons of any type, live animals or wildlife, or rental services. Automobile services are prohibited as mobile vendors except car washing and windshield repair.

Design Standards:

- Signage must be professional and readable. The use of prohibited or unpermitted signs is not allowed. No freestanding or banner signs.
- No site furniture (chairs, tables, shade structures) allowed.
- Facilities must be functionable and operable.
- Each mobile vending conveyance must be self-contained.

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If you have questions, please call the Community Development Department at (530) 661-5820. Our office is located at 300 First Street, Woodland, CA 95695.