

Sidewalk Vendor Requirements

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THIS HANDOUT IS A SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS
Please refer to Chapter 5.40 of the City of Woodland Municipal Code.

What are sidewalk vendors?

A sidewalk vendor is a person who sells food or merchandise on a public sidewalk. There are different types of sidewalk vendors, including:

Stationary Sidewalk Vendors:

Vendors that operate a pushcart, stand, display, pedal-driven cart, wagon, showcase rack, or other nonmotorized conveyance in a fixed location on public property.

Roaming Sidewalk Vendors:

Vendors that operate a pushcart, stand, display, pedal-driven cart, wagon, showcase rack, or other nonmotorized conveyance, moving continuously on public property, stopping only to complete transactions. Cannot stop in one location for longer than 30 minutes.



Location Requirements: Sidewalk vending location is regulated to promote health, safety, and welfare.

- Vending is prohibited within 600 feet of certified farmer's markets, swap meets, and events, unless approved to sell at the event.
- Vending is prohibited in public parks with existing vending or concessions agreements.
- Sidewalk vending prohibited in areas with no sidewalks.
- Stationary vending is prohibited in areas with narrow sidewalks. Vendors must leave a minimum of 48 inches of the sidewalk clear of obstruction.
- Stationary vending is prohibited in areas zoned exclusively residential.
- No operation within 100 feet of:
 - Emergency service personnel providing service to the public
 - Freeway ramps
 - Other sidewalk vendors
- 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

Operation Requirements:

- A copy of the Sidewalk Vendor Permit and permit from the Yolo County Environmental Health Department (for food vendors) must be posted in a visible location.
- No vendor shall outcry, ring bells, play chimes, play an amplified music system, or make any other noise prohibited in Section 9.28.090.

Cleaning and Food Safety:

- The sidewalk vendor must remove and dispose of any trash from vending operations or customers within a 15-foot radius of the vending location
- Any food, grease, or fluids that fall on public property must be cleaned immediately.
- Sidewalk vendors must return to their approved commissary (if applicable) for cleaning and servicing daily.

Public Safety:

- Vendors must immediately move to provide access to the sidewalk if necessary for pedestrians.
- Customer queuing must be organized to not interfere with pedestrian safety or the flow of traffic.
- Sidewalk vending operations must be self-contained, and cannot contain or use explosive or hazardous materials, except for propane.
- Sidewalk vendors shall not sell directly from a car or personal vehicle not meant for vending, and not approved by the Yolo County Environmental Health Department.
- If the vendor operates outside of daylight hours, the site or vending conveyance must have adequate lighting to ensure customer safety.
- The vendor shall not utilize any equipment or methods that constitute a fire hazard, as determined by the City of Woodland Fire Marshal.

Use of Public Property:

- Sidewalk vendors shall not have any site furniture, including chairs, tables, or shade structures outside of the sidewalk vending operation.
- No goods, equipment, or signage may be stored on public property, or fastened to any structure.
- No goods, equipment, or signage can be displayed on the ground or public infrastructure. All items must be stored in the sidewalk vending operation or carried by the vendor.
- Operations cannot be left unattended and must be removed from public property when not operating.
- Vendors cannot use water lines, electrical lines, or gas lines. The vending operation cannot use any electrical outlet. Power cords or extension cords are prohibited in the public right-of-way.
- Sidewalk vendors shall not vend to any person traveling in a motor vehicle along a public roadway.

Storage:

- Sidewalk 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.

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.

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.