

MOBILE FOOD VENDOR FAQ's

***DISCLAIMER ***

This document is intended to provide answers to the most asked questions about mobile food vending within the City of Sacramento. The answers provided are for informational purposes only and are NOT intended to be comprehensive. Comprehensive permit application instructions are included in the Mobile Food Vendor Permit Application Packet which is located on the City of Sacramento Special Business Permits website. Nothing in this document shall be construed as to superseding any requirements of the permit process as set out in the city code or other city regulations or procedures regarding Mobile Food Vendor Permits. Sacramento City Code Chapter 5.68 (Food Vending Vehicles)

WHAT IS A MOBILE FOOD VENDOR?

A “food vending vehicle” includes any motor vehicle from which any type of food or beverage is sold or offered for sale directly to any consumer; provided, however, that “food vending vehicle” does not include a vehicle that only delivers food or beverage products ordered by home delivery customers.

WHAT TYPE OF PERMITS DO I NEED TO BECOME A MOBILE FOOD VENDOR?

There are two permits required for mobile food vendors, a permit for the mobile food vending vehicle and a permit for the driver of the mobile food vehicle. You also need a proof from the County of Sacramento showing compliance with applicable requirements for operating a food vending vehicle, (i.e. environmental health and inspection report).

WHERE CAN I FIND THE PERMIT APPLICATIONS?

Both the mobile food vendor vehicle and driver permits can be found on the City of Sacramento Special Business Permits website. You may also come in person to 915 I Street, Room 1201 Sacramento, CA 95814 to pick up the applications.

WHEN DO THE PERMITS EXPIRE?

Both the mobile food vendor vehicle and driver permits expire on **April 30th**. Renewal packets are mailed out prior to the expiration date. Please note mobile food vending applications are accepted all year, but still expire on **April 30th** and application fees are not prorated.

WHAT ABOUT FOOD VENDING VEHICLES THAT DO NOT HAVE CITY PERMITS?

Those mobile food vending vehicles are operating in violation of the Sacramento City Code and are subject to citations and fines for non-compliance.

WHAT IF I ALREADY HAVE A MOBILE FOOD VENDING PERMIT ISSUED BY SACRAMENTO COUNTY?

You will still need a mobile food vending permit issued by the City of Sacramento to vend within the Sacramento city limits.

DOES THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO ALLOW MOBILE FOOD TRAILERS?

No, the City of Sacramento only provides permits for mobile food vending and outdoor street vending. Please see the section on Street Vending for more about those permits.

HOW DOES A PERMITTED MOBILE FOOD VENDOR PARTICIPATE IN SPONSORED EVENTS, LIKE SACTOMOFO AND CONCERTS IN THE PARK?

Those events are put on by specific organizations, mobile food vendors must contact those organizations specifically to find out how to participate as a vendor.

WHAT ARE THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO BOUNDARIES?

