



## Other Business Compliance Functions

The Business Compliance Section oversees several other types of businesses in Sacramento:

- **Mobile food vendors** are required to have a permit through the City of Sacramento and must comply with all Sacramento County regulations relating to the sale of food from a motorized vehicle. All food vending vehicles are required to display a valid vehicle permit and decal and the name and address of the owner.
- **Massage therapists** are required to be licensed and must meet all necessary code requirements.
- **Arcades, billiards, bingo, and card room operators** must be licensed to legally operate in the City of Sacramento and may operate only at specific times according to the Sacramento Municipal Code.

For permit applications and information, contact the Finance Department Revenue Services Division at 916-808-8500 or online at [www.cityofsacramento.org/finance/revenue/forms](http://www.cityofsacramento.org/finance/revenue/forms).



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# Business Compliance

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City of  
**SACRAMENTO**  
Community Development  
CODE COMPLIANCE DIVISION



## THE BUSINESS COMPLIANCE SECTION

of the City of Sacramento's Code Compliance Division enforces specific state and local codes and ordinances that relate to businesses. The division's goal is to ensure that city residents live in an environment that promotes public health and safety. To ensure that these goals are met, the Business Compliance Section conducts inspections and works in cooperation with other city departments and the community to issue specific permits and licenses.

Typical enforcement by the Business Compliance Section includes but is not limited to:

- Entertainment permits
- Tobacco retailer licenses
- Taxicab regulations
- Mobile food vendor regulations
- Massage therapists (somatic practitioners)
- Arcades, billiards, bingo, and card rooms

The Business Compliance Section works closely with the city's Revenue Division to enforce these regulations within the Sacramento city limits. For more information, visit the City of Sacramento Code Compliance website at [www.cityofsacramento.org/code/business](http://www.cityofsacramento.org/code/business) or call 916-808-8500.

Every business selling tobacco products within the City of Sacramento is required to comply with all tobacco retailer requirements as defined in the tobacco retailer ordinance and must submit a completed application and an annual non-refundable fee. Applications may be obtained at [www.cityofsacramento.org/code/business](http://www.cityofsacramento.org/code/business) or by calling 916-808-8146.

## ENTERTAINMENT PERMITS

The City of Sacramento encourages the development of arts and culture and recognizes that many entertainment venues create a rich and diverse cultural experience for its residents and visitors. The city's Code Compliance Division works with other city departments so that venues providing entertainment meet all applicable regulations. These codes include but are not limited to:

- Patron conduct
- Security and crowd control
- Protecting youth from criminal activity
- Minimizing disturbances
- Excessive noise

Business establishments that provide entertainment activities as defined in Sacramento Municipal Code section 5.108.020 are required to pay a non-refundable fee, submit the necessary application forms, and have all responsible managers provide fingerprints on file with the Sacramento Police Department. These businesses are responsible for patron conduct and for providing a safe environment for their customers and neighbors.

Those venues that do not comply with the city's entertainment regulations or other business related codes or requirements can face penalties, suspension, or revocation of their entertainment permit. Applications may be obtained through [www.cityofsacramento.org/code/business](http://www.cityofsacramento.org/code/business) or by calling 916-808-3535.



## TOBACCO RETAILER LICENSE PROGRAM

The Tobacco Retailer License Program (Sacramento City Code section 5.138) helps curb illegal sales of tobacco products to minors through retailer education, retailer inspections, compliance checks, and underage sting operations. This program has helped reduce the number of retailers that sell tobacco products to minors by approximately 50 percent since its inception in 2004.

## TAXICAB REGULATIONS



The Business Compliance Section is also responsible for enforcing the city's taxicab ordinance to ensure that all operators and drivers comply with applicable requirements for operation of taxis within the Sacramento city limits. Applications are available at 915 I Street, First Floor, Sacramento, or online at [www.cityofsacramento.org/finance/revenue/forms](http://www.cityofsacramento.org/finance/revenue/forms) or call 916-808-8500. Business Compliance responds to complaints regarding taxicabs. It also inspects taxi companies and professional association offices for compliance. The Business Compliance Division works closely with the city's Finance Department in suspension and revocation of taxi permits and scheduling and presenting testimony and evidence for various taxicab appeal hearings.



For more information about the Code Compliance Division, visit our website at [portal.cityofsacramento.org/code](http://portal.cityofsacramento.org/code).