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.
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 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 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.