

FOOD VENDING VEHICLE 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 Food Vending Vehicle Permit Application Packet which is located on the City of Sacramento Special Business Permits website. Nothing in this document shall be construed as superseding any requirements of the permit process as set out in the city code or other city regulations or procedures. Sacramento City Code Chapter 5.68 (Food Vending Vehicles)

WHAT IS A FOOD VENDING VEHICLE?

“Food vending vehicle” means any vehicle (e.g., truck or trailer) or bicycle from which a vendor displays, offers for sale, or sells food or beverages directly to a consumer. 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, a permit for the food vending vehicle and a permit for the driver of the food vehicle. Before applying for a City permit, a permit from the County of Sacramento Environmental Health Department is required for every vehicle to show compliance with applicable health codes.

WHERE CAN I FIND THE PERMIT APPLICATIONS?

All permit applications can be found on the City of Sacramento Special Business Permits website. Food vending vehicle and driver permits can now be completed online. 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 food vending vehicle and driver permits expire on **April 30th** of each year. All permits have expiration dates printed on them. Food vending vehicle permits are issued all year and expire on April 30th of the following year. Permit fees are not prorated.

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

Those 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 PERMIT ISSUED BY SACRAMENTO COUNTY?

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

DOES THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO ALLOW FOOD TRAILERS?

Yes, the City of Sacramento recently began permitting food trailers. They are required to meet the same requirements as the trucks.

HOW DOES A PERMITTED 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?

