

## What is a Sidewalk Vendor?

Sidewalk vending is a person who sells food or merchandise from a vending cart, display, or person, upon a public sidewalk, parkway, pedestrian path or other public right-of-way. A vendor can be **stationary** selling from a fixed location or **roaming** moving place to place stopping only to complete the transaction.

For more information on sidewalk vending:



## Resources

**County of Los Angeles Public Health  
Health Permit**  
(626) 430-5500  
publichealth.lacounty.gov  
5050 Commerce Drive  
Baldwin Park, CA 91706



**CA Department of Tax and Fee Administration  
Seller's Permit**  
(800) 400-7115  
ttc.lacounty.gov

**City of South Gate  
Business License & City Permit**  
(323) 563-9527  
8650 California Ave  
South Gate CA 90280  
www.cityofsouthgate.org

**LA County Registrar-Recorder  
Fictitious Name Registration**  
(800) 201-8999  
lavote.gov  
12400 Imperial Highway  
Norwalk, CA 90650



## Contact

-  [www.cityofsouthgate.org](http://www.cityofsouthgate.org)
-  (323) 563-9527



# Sidewalk Vending Guide



# Sidewalk Vending Permit Application Checklist:

A Food Vendor applicant will need to provide the following\*:

- Government Issued Photo Identification
- Los Angeles County Public Health Permit
- Proof of Liability Insurance
- State of California Seller's Permit
- Food Handler's Certificate
- Live Scan Fingerprints (no charge with SGPD)
- City of South Gate Business License and Sidewalk Vendor Permit
- A specific location or route identified that meets restrictions within SGMC 2.10.970
- Proof of access to toilet and handwashing facility

A General Merchandise applicant will need to provide the following\*:

- Government Issued Photo Identification
- Proof of Liability Insurance
- State of California Seller's Permit
- Live Scan Fingerprints (no charge with SGPD)
- City of South Gate Business License and Sidewalk Vendor Permit
- A specific location or route identified that meets restrictions within SGMC 2.10.970

\*Permit requirements subject to change.



## DO'S AND DON'TS:

- DO** display a City Businesses License and Sidewalk Vendor Permit at all times
- DO** follow the terms of the Sidewalk Vendor Permit
- DO** provide a trash bin for customers and ensure proper disposal of customer trash.
- DON'T** vend on private property.
- DON'T** vend without wearing your City issued picture Identification.
- DON'T** vend blocking sidewalks or pedestrian paths.
- DON'T** vend using anything but an approved vending cart.
- DON'T** vend anything that hasn't been approved by the health department and city.

### Vending in Residential Zoned Areas:

- Stationary vending equipment or cart shall not be used to vend within a residential area.
- A roaming sidewalk vendor may use a mobile cart within a residential area and must move continuously except when necessary to complete a sale.
- Roaming vendors must have a copy of approved map with them at all times.
- Roaming vending within residential areas is prohibited between the hours of 6 p.m. and 9 a.m. of the subsequent day.

### Roaming Vending Next to Schools and Parks:

- Roaming sidewalk vending is permitted in city parks and around schools with a permit.
- Roaming vendors must have a copy of approved map with them at all times.

## Placement of Stationary Vendors:

Stationary sidewalk vendors may not place or leave any vending equipment or cart in a manner that obstructs vehicular or pedestrian traffic, or creates visibility, sight line, or accessibility issues.

Stationary sidewalk vendors are prohibited in the following areas:

- In residential areas
- Within 500 feet of a school
- Within City park
- Within 25 feet of a corner of an intersection.
- Within 25 feet of a driveway or driveway apron
- Within 45 feet of a bus bench/stop
- Within 50 feet of a railroad crossing
- Within 10 feet of an outdoor dining or patio dining area
- See SGMC 2.10.970(f) for a complete list of restricted areas

## Administrative Fines:

Sidewalk vending in violation of SGMC 2.10.970 and without valid permits is subject to administrative citations and/or removal of equipment and merchandise

