



To vend food or beverages on the sidewalk, vendors must have a City of Oakland **Mobile Food Vending Permit** for sidewalk vendors.

Applications accepted starting on October 14, 2019



Who is a sidewalk vendor?

A sidewalk vendor is a person who sells food or beverages on a public sidewalk or other pedestrian path, from a pushcart, stationary cart or other **non-motorized** equipment allowed by the Alameda County Environmental Health Department. There are two types of sidewalk vendors: A **Roaming Sidewalk Vendor** moves from place to place and stops only to make a sale. A **Stationary Sidewalk Vendor** sells from a fixed location.

Where can I vend?

Roaming Sidewalk Vendors that comply with *sidewalk clearances*, *buffer distances* and *special permissions** may sell on any public sidewalk.

Stationary Sidewalk Vendors that comply with *sidewalk clearances*, *buffer distances* and *special permissions** may sell on any public sidewalk that is 10-feet wide or greater within the **Permitted Area for Stationary Sidewalk Vending**.

More Details?

Visit our website for applications, **Administrative Guidelines** and a map of the **Permitted Area for Stationary Sidewalk Vending**.

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* *Sidewalk Clearances*

The vending facilities must maintain a 5.5 foot minimum clear path of travel along the sidewalk. See the **Administrative Guidelines** for additional clearance requirements, such as distances from bus stops, fire hydrants, curb ramps, building entrances and others.

* *Special Permissions*

Parks: To vend in City of Oakland parks, vendors must also get permission from the City of Oakland Department of Parks, Recreation and Youth Development.

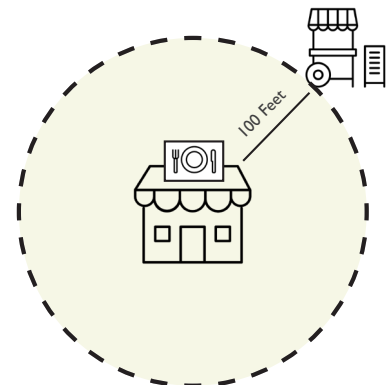
666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland
(510) 238-3420

Schools: Vending within 300 feet of any school is only allowed if a waiver is granted by the school's Supervising Entity to sell healthy food.

* *Buffer Distances*

Mobile Food Vending on the sidewalk is not allowed within:

- 300 Feet of Schools
- 300 Feet of any other Mobile Food Vendor
- 100 Feet of a Restaurant or Café
- 100 Feet of a Farmer's Market, Flea Market, or other Special Event (like "First Friday" or "Off the Grid")



Get these before you apply for your Mobile Food Vending Permit!

Health Permit

Alameda County Department of Environmental Health

1131 Harbor Bay Parkway,
Alameda, CA
(510) 567-6700
www.acgov.org/aceh

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Proof of Insurance

Talk to an Insurance Agent

General Liability Insurance
is required; Worker's
Compensation Insurance
may also be required.
See Mobile Food Vending
website for detailed
insurance requirements.

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Fire Clearance

City of Oakland Fire Prevention Bureau

250 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza,
Suite 3341, Oakland
(510) 238-3851
Vendors using generators,
natural gas, propane, butane
may require a permit and/or
inspection for fire safety.

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Apply for your City of Oakland Mobile Food Vending Permit
with the Special Activity Permits Division

Questions & Applications

City of Oakland
Special Activity
Permits Division

CALL 510-238-2273

VISIT 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza
Suite 123, Oakland, CA

WEB For more information:
bit.ly/OaklandMobileFood

Resources

Questions about getting a health permit?

Alameda County Department of
Environmental Health hosts a **FREE**
informational workshop at their offices
in Alameda (see address above) on
Mondays at 10 am.

Business Assistance Center

Free help and referrals for small
business owners and entrepreneurs
located in Oakland:

270 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Oakland
(510) 238-7398
bit.ly/OaklandBAC

Mobile Food Vending Enforcement

To report unpermitted vending, contact
Municipal Code Enforcement Officers:

(510) 238-2273
MobileFoodVending@oaklandca.gov

Keep in mind...

Mobile Food Vending Permits are **valid for 1 year**, and must be **renewed annually**. Seasonal permits (90 days) are also available.

The **regular permitted hours** are 7 am to 10 pm daily. Late night vending may be allowed if adjacent businesses are open late.

You'll also need a business license!

You can obtain a license after you receive your Mobile Food Vending Permit. Contact the Business Tax Office for more information:

250 Frank H Ogawa Plaza,
Suite 1320, Oakland, CA
(510) 238-3704

STAY TUNED!

The City of Oakland is reviewing regulations for *all types* of Mobile Food Vending, including Sidewalk Vending, Food Trucks, Trailers, etc. Check our website and sign up for email updates to find out the latest news, including opportunities to provide feedback.