Sidewalk Vendor Definitions

- **Sidewalk vendor** means a person who sells food or merchandise from a pushcart, stand, display, pedal-driven cart, wagon, showcase, rack, or other nonmotorized conveyance, or from one's person, upon a public sidewalk or other pedestrian path.
- **Roaming sidewalk vendor** means a sidewalk vendor who moves from place to place and stops only to complete a transaction.
- **Stationary sidewalk vendo**r means a sidewalk vendor who vends from a fixed location.
- **Pushcart** means any wagon, cart or similar wheeled container, not a "vehicle" as defined in the Vehicle Code of the State of California, from which food or beverage is offered for sale to the public.

Permit Requirements

No person shall act as a sidewalk vendor, nor employ, direct or otherwise cause any other person to do so, without having first obtained a **Sidewalk Vendor's Permit.**

Food Vendor Requirements

All vendors selling food or beverages are required to obtain a **County of Riverside Health Permit** and must follow all **County Health Code requirements.**

Permit Application

To apply for a Sidewalk Vendor's Permit, visit

RiversideCA.gov/BusinessTax

HOURS OF OPERATION

Residential Only Areas
Sunrise to Sunset

All Other Areas
Sunrise to Midnight

Sidewalk vending is PROHIBITED at the following regional reserve/open space parks:

- Box Springs Mountain Open Space
- Challen Park Open Space
- Mount Rubidoux Park and San Andreas Avenue/Glenwood Drive between Tequesquite Avenue and Fourteenth Street
- Pachappa Hill Open Space
- Quail Run Open Space
- Sycamore Canyon Wilderness Park

SEE ANY ILLEGAL VENDING OR OTHER ISSUES?

311 CITY OF RIVERSIDE FOR CITY SERVICES

REPORT IT TO 311

RiversideCA.gov/311

For more information, contact the Code Enforcement Division at (951) 826-5633 or visit RiversideCA.gov/Code

CITY OF RIVERSIDE

SIDEWALK VENDOR

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

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SIDEWALK VENDOR
RULES AND REGULATIONS

No sidewalk vendor shall be located in a **fixed location on any residential street,** including parkways or sidewalks.

Sales may be made on residential streets from sidewalk vendors that **continually move from place to place** and stop only for the period of time, **not to exceed thirty minutes at any one place,** necessary to make sales to purchasers.

No sidewalk vendor shall be located in any location that **creates an obstruction** to the normal flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic or to the access to public streets and sidewalks, or that creates a hazard to life or property.

No sidewalk vendor shall be located in any location that **obstructs traffic signals** or **regulatory signs.**

No sidewalk vendor shall be located within **15 feet of any fire hydrant or escape,** or **within 50 feet of any vehicle entrance of any fire station, police department, hospital, or any other structure** involved in health and safety emergency matters.

No sidewalk vendor shall be located within **15 feet of any loading zone, bus stop, or parking space or access ramp** designated for persons with disabilities.

Sidewalk vending is prohibited within any **designated bikeway, bike lane, or bicycle parking area.**

Sidewalk vendors shall maintain an **unobstructed four-foot walking path** at all times.

No sidewalk vendor shall **obstruct access to public infrastructure,** including parking meters, parking pay stations, shared mobility parking zones, waste receptacles, crosswalk pedestrian push buttons, and public furniture.

Sidewalk vending shall be prohibited **adjacent to any portion of the curb designated as a passenger, commercial, or school loading zone** via signage and/or curb markings.

Sidewalk vending is prohibited in the **center median of any street.**

Sidewalk vending is prohibited within **200 feet of an area designated for a temporary special permit,** provided that any notice, business interruption mitigation, or other rights provided to affected businesses or property owners under the temporary special permit are also provided to any sidewalk vendors specifically permitted to operate in the area, if applicable.

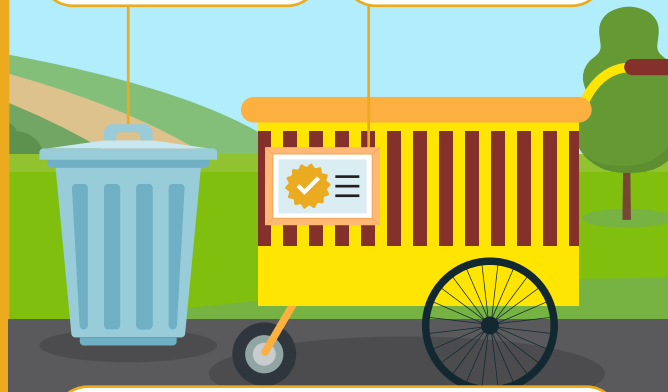
HOW FAR YOU NEED TO BE

REFER TO THE RULES ABOVE FOR MORE DETAILS

WHAT YOU NEED

A refuse container of at least 4 cubic feet

A vendor's permit viewable in plain sight



The maximum dimensions of any pushcart shall be **six feet in length and four feet in width.**