

PUSHCART FOOD VENDING

PROGRAM

City of Oakland

The general purpose of these regulations is to promote the health, safety, comfort, convenience, prosperity, and general welfare of the community by requiring new and existing pushcart food vendors in Oakland to provide a minimum level of cleanliness, quality and security.

It is unlawful to sell or solicit offers to purchase food from a pushcart in Oakland without first obtaining a Pushcart Food Vending (FV) Permit. Pushcart food vending means the sale of produce, prepared & pre-packaged foods, and non-alcoholic beverages, from pushcarts along on certain public sidewalks.

WHERE DO I GET PERMIT INFORMATION?

Pushcart vendors who want to operate in Oakland can obtain permit information and an application packet from:

CEDA - Permit Center (Building, Zoning, Inspections)
250 Frank H Ogawa Plaza, 2nd floor
Oakland, CA 94612 (510) 238-6402

Mon - Fri = 8:00am - 4:00pm
Wed only = 9:30am - 4:00pm

HOW DO I APPLY FOR A PERMIT?

*To sell from certain public sidewalks (see Map):

Submit completed application at:

CEDA - Permit Center (Inspections counter)
8:00 - 10:00 am only (Mon - Fri, except Wed)
9:30 - 10:30 am only (Wed)
(510) 238-6402

*To sell from private property:

Obtain separate Zoning approvals, as required, at:
CEDA - Permit Center (Zoning counter)
Hours & Location (See Permit Center above)
(510) 238-3911

WHERE CAN I OPERATE?

Pushcart food vendors who want to operate on public sidewalks in Oakland can do so only along certain designated streets, as shown on the attached map (see back cover), per OMC 5.49.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR A PUSHCART PERMIT?

To apply for a Pushcart Food Vending Permit which is renewable once a year, you will need to provide at the permit counter with the following:

- Completed 'Pushcart Food Permit Application' form
- Current 'City of Oakland Business Tax Certificate'
- Proof of valid 'Alameda County Health Permit Certificate' for pushcart vending
- Proof of valid 'Alameda County Health Permit' of the Commissary
- Valid CA Driver's license or any valid form of identification of the pushcart owner/operator
- Four photographs (different views) of the pushcart with the business sign/name showing
- Application fee per City of Oakland Master Fee Schedule. The full Pushcart Permit Fee shall be paid after approval of the application and prior to the issuance of the permit.

HOW OFTEN DO I NEED TO RENEW THE PERMIT?

Pushcart food vending permits are valid for 12 months and must be renewed annually on or before April 15th.

HOW MUCH DOES THE PERMIT COST?

With your initial application, you are required to pay a non-refundable fee of **\$73.00**. Once the application is approved, the application fee shall be credited toward your final permit fee of **\$455.00** per the current 2010-2011 Master Fee Schedule.

WHAT ARE THE OPERATING RULES THAT APPLY TO MY PUSHCART PERMIT?

- No food sales allowed from the automobiles or trucks.
- Vendors must maintain 100 feet distance from each other.
- Vendors shall not locate within 200 feet of schools and parks.
- Approved Pushcart Vending Permit, County Health Certificate and Business Tax Certificate shall be available on site at all times.
- No vending is allowed next to on-street handicap parking spaces, driveways, facility entry/exit ways, or street intersections where traffic lines of sight are obstructed.
- All vending equipments (i.e. cart, tables, etc.) are limited to a maximum of 8 ft in length, 6 ft deep and 8 ft. in height.
- Vending areas shall not create pedestrian hazards or reduce sidewalk clearances to less than 6 ft.
- No tables, chairs, fences (etc.) are allowed. Vending equipments shall be self-sufficient and unattached to the permanent street fixtures (i.e. trees, hydrants, poles, etc.).
- Maximum of only 2 signs attached to the pushcart are allowed with total combined display surface of 5 sq. ft. per sign.
- Vendors are responsible for keeping the surrounding areas clean and hazard-free at all times.

ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION

HEALTH CERTIFICATE
Alameda County Environmental Health Services
1131 Harbor Bay Parkway, Alameda, CA
(510) 567-6700

ZONING CLEARANCE
Planning & Zoning
250 Frank H Ogawa Plaza, 2nd Floor, Oakland CA 94612
(510) 238-3912

BUSINESS TAX CERTIFICATE
Business Tax Section
250 Frank H Ogawa Plaza #1234, Oakland CA 94612
(510) 238-7474

PEDDLER OR SOLICITOR CERTIFICATE
Oakland Police Department Permit Center
455 7th Street Rm.#306, Oakland CA 94612