



City of Allentown Operational Requirements for Mobile (Street and Sidewalk) Vendors

The following requirements apply to licensed mobile vendors:

All Mobile Vendors

- Must keep their Mobile, Health and Business License in sight of customers and City Inspectors.
- Must maintain proper waste disposal and recycling according to City ordinances.
- All food vending from mobile food vending unit must be done ON THE VEHICLE. It is not permitted to remove food items from the vehicle to sell from a table under a free standing canopy. Mobile food vendors that sell whole, uncut produce are exempt from this rule.
- May not obtain electrical power which requires investment until mobile vendor license is issued.
- May not operate until all approvals are obtained through the City of Allentown.

Mobile Sidewalk Vendors

- May not operate in a residential neighborhood.
- May not set up signs, chairs, tables and other items that block the pedestrian right of way.
- Must remain 50 feet from other food vendors.
- Must remain 50 feet from an operating restaurant.
- Must have approved locations by City of Allentown.
- Must have signed permission by the closest property owner to operate at address.
- May not operate on City Streets.

Mobile Vendors on Private Property

- Parking a mobile vending unit on private property is permitted if notarized written permission is given from property owner. The property must be commercially zoned. Evidence of agreement must be provided with application.
- Must have proper parking required by Zoning Department.
- Any permanent signage must be approved by the Zoning Department.

Motorized Vendors on City Streets

- May not park in residential neighborhoods.
- May not park at parking meters or other time restricted areas.
- May not park in City Parks and other City controlled properties.
- May not park within 100 yards of a school.
- Must remain 50 feet from an operating restaurant.

Mobile Vendors are prohibited from locations

- Within 100 feet of any property used for school purposes during school hours
- Within a City Park, on a street adjacent to a City Park or bordering a City Park
- On a publicly-owned parking lot or metered or controlled parking space
- On any sidewalk less than six feet in width
- Within 15 feet of any bus stop zone
- Within 15 feet of a pedestrian crosswalk or intersection
- Within 15 feet of a handicapped parking space

Mobile Vendors Operators are urged to review the City of Allentown's Article 740 (Street and Sidewalk Vendors) for complete details on rules and regulations.