

## SIDEWALK VENDING

A sidewalk vendor is a person who sells food or merchandise from a pushcart, stand, display, pedal-driven cart, wagon, showcase, rack or other non-motorized conveyance, or from one's person, upon a public sidewalk or other pedestrian path.

To ensure a seamless transition into full and compliant operations, the City of Santa Barbara has created this Sidewalk Vendor Packet.

### **Sidewalk Vendor Packet Contents**

- Getting Started Information
- Business License Tax Application
- Conditions and Regulations Acknowledgement

## **Getting Started**

The information below provides a general overview of the agencies and additional permits that you may need before you apply for a business license.

*Choose a business name. If you will be using a name other than your given name, name of your LLC or corporation, you must file a Fictitious Business Name with the Santa Barbara County Clerk.*

*Food Vendors Only-Contact the County of Santa Barbara Environmental Health Services to apply for your Public Health Permit.*

*Contact the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration to apply for your Seller's Permit.*

*Apply online and receive a confirmation receipt same day or mail your application to Avenu.*

## City of Santa Barbara



### Important Contact Information:

**Santa Barbara County Clerk**  
1100 Anacapa St (Courthouse)  
Santa Barbara CA 93101  
(805) 568-2250  
[www.sb-democracy.com](http://www.sb-democracy.com)

**County of Santa Barbara  
Environmental Health Services**  
225 Camino Del Remedio  
Santa Barbara CA 93110  
(805) 681-4900  
[www.sbcphd.org/ehs](http://www.sbcphd.org/ehs)

**California Department of Tax and Fee  
Administration**  
4820 McGrath St Ste 260  
Ventura CA 93003  
(805) 677-2700  
[www.cdtfa.ca.gov](http://www.cdtfa.ca.gov)

**City of Santa Barbara  
c/o Avenu Insights & Analytics**  
373 East Shaw Ave Box 367  
Fresno CA 93710  
(877) 779-7222  
SantaBarbaraSupport@avenuinsights.com  
Online Filing:  
<https://SantaBarbara.bizlicenseonline.com/>

### **Information to apply online:**

Business Type: SIDEWALK VENDOR  
Schedule #: 126.02  
SIC: 5963  
Cost: \$29.00 per vendor (\$25 tax, plus \$4 state fee)



# SIDEWALK VENDING INFORMATION GUIDE

## City of Santa Barbara – Rules & Regulations

May 23, 2023

**All Sidewalk Vendors That Operate in the City of Santa Barbara need to apply for a Vendor's License (also known as a Business License)**

**All Sidewalk Food Vendors need a Current Health Permit from the County of Santa Barbara**

### Summary of Operation and Location Regulations

- ❖ Vending carts cannot be longer than 74 inches, wider than 34 inches or taller than 80 inches. Umbrellas attached to a cart shall not be greater than 48 inches in diameter or less than 80 inches in height. The City's Business License and Health Department permit, if selling food, must be displayed on the vending cart.

#### **Sidewalk vending (both stationary and roaming) is prohibited and not allowed:**

- In parking lots at parks, waterfront and beach as well as on the 500 block State St. and within 500 feet of any school between 7:30 am and 4 pm
- Within 500 feet of a city-permitted special event that includes: Farmers' Markets, SB Arts & Crafts Show, Parades
- On Stearns Wharf, the sidewalk entry to the wharf and in commercial zones between midnight and 6 am
- To sell alcoholic beverages, tobacco/cannabis, related products or smoking devices, weapons, or pharmaceuticals
- In City parks or beaches where there is a lease concession, when the park or beach is closed, and within 100 feet of playgrounds, recreational fields, ball courts, designated parking stalls, and skate parks. Vending carts cannot impede pedestrian traffic or reduce the path of travel on a sidewalk or pedestrian pathway to less than 4 feet

#### **Stationary sidewalk vending is prohibited and not allowed:**

- Within 5 feet of a crosswalk or fire hydrant and within 10 feet of driveway, bus bench or transit shelter
  - Within 100 feet of an outdoor dining area or within 10 feet to any business entrance in operation
  - Within 200 feet of the entrance to a government building or hospital
  - Within 50 feet from another sidewalk vendor
  - In front of a transparent window or within 4 feet of a business entry or exit on a public street
  - In residential zones, on the north side of Cabrillo Boulevard and on Downtown State Street sidewalks
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- ❖ Roaming Sidewalk Vendors are allowed in residential zones only between the hours of 8 am and ½ hour after sunset and are not allowed to stay in same location for more than 5 minutes, except to complete a sale.
  - ❖ Vending carts cannot be left overnight or locked, chained or secured to any pole, sign, tree, or other object in the public right of way. Vendors must maintain a clean and trash-free 10-foot radius from a stationary cart
  - ❖ Sidewalk vendors who sell food must provide a trash receptacle for customers, if they are a stationary food vendor, they must be within 200 feet of a readily available toilet with handwashing facilities
  - ❖ Free standing signs are prohibited, and vendors cannot use or set up tables, chairs, or other structures for their customers. Stationary vendors may use a stool or chair for personal use
  - ❖ Vending carts must be self-contained, including any power source. Gas powered generators are prohibited, and vendors cannot connect to or use a water or electricity source without owner consent
  - ❖ Exemptions to this ordinance include traveling salespersons who solicit orders for future delivery; occasional sales of goods and services to local events by local students or fund-raising sales by service clubs or groups; peddlers operating pursuant to a permit; and solicitation of charitable or political contributions that do not involve the exchange of merchandise or food in exchange for the donation
  - ❖ The sale of food or beverage products may require a County of Santa Barbara Health Permit
  - ❖ The City also prohibits any food or beverage vendor from distributing polystyrene (Styrofoam) food and beverage containers, plastic and compostable plant-based (corn, sugarcane, etc.) plastic straws and stirrers. All plastic cutlery, compostable plastic cutlery, and other single use straws are required to be requested by the customer

This list is not all inclusive, please refer to City Code Chapter 9.49 for a complete listing of the rules and regulations at <https://www.santabarbaraca.gov/business/license/sidewalk/default.asp>

Questions, comments and complaints [BusinessLicense@SantaBarbaraCA.gov](mailto:BusinessLicense@SantaBarbaraCA.gov)