



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT &
SUSTAINABILITY DEPARTMENT
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Mobile Food Vendor Requirements

Mobile food vending is defined as any vehicle, wagon, or pushcart that is self-propelled or can be pushed/pulled down a street or sidewalk, on which food is displayed, prepared, or processed for the purpose of selling food to a consumer.

Requirements for a mobile food vendor to operate in Davis:

- **Public health permit** from Yolo County
- **Business license** from the City of Davis
- **Zoning permit** from Community Development to operate on private property **OR** an **encroachment permit** from Public Works to operate on public property. Vendors operating on public property for less than ten minutes per location are exempt from this requirement.

County Permitting Requirement: Public Health Permit from Yolo County

The California Retail Food Code (CalCode) governs health standards for retail food sales. CalCode and City Municipal Code Section 17.01.020 require a Public Health Permit before any public sales occur.

- The annual permit is obtained from the **Yolo County Environmental Health Department**.
- Vendors must complete an application and have their cart or vehicle inspected before a permit can be obtained.
- **Inspections:** 8:00-9:00 AM daily at the Environmental Health Department offices (call for appointment).
- **Fees:** mobile food preparation vehicles: \$316; ice cream trucks and hot dog carts: \$142
- All questions pertaining to health standards and the public health permit should be directed to the Yolo County Environmental Health Department.

Yolo County Environmental Health Department

137 N. Cottonwood Street, Ste. 2400
Woodland, CA 95695
Telephone: (530) 666-8646
FAX: (530) 669-1448

E-mail:

environmental.health@yolocounty.org

Additional information available at:

<http://www.yolocounty.org/org/health/eh/general/fo od.asp>.

City Permitting Requirements

1. Business License

Davis requires a business license for all mobile food vendors.

- The business license form is available at <http://www.cityofdavis.org/finance/BusinessLicenses.cfm> or directly from the **Finance Department** at City Hall.
- **Fees:** Daily or yearly fee plus a \$10 registration fee. Fee schedule on a form available at the Finance Dept.

City of Davis Finance Department

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E-mail: FinanceWeb@cityofdavis.org

2. Zoning or Encroachment Permit

A zoning or encroachment permit is required based on the intended location of sales.

- Vendors operating on private property for any length of time must obtain a **commercial zoning permit** from **Planning Division of the Community Development Department**.
- Vendors operating on public property for more than ten minutes in each location must obtain an **encroachment permit** from **Public Works**.
- **Vendors operating on public property for less than ten minutes in each location do not need zoning or encroachment permits.**

Commercial Zoning Permit and Encroachment Permit requirements are included in this packet.

Commercial Zoning Permit Requirements: Operating on Private Property

The Planning Division of the Community Development Department must issue a commercial zoning permit for vendors operating on private property. The following requirements must be met for each location:

- A commercial **zoning permit** application form must be submitted to the Community Development Department.
 - Form available from the Community Development Department at City Hall or online at http://www.cityofdavis.org/finance/pdf/commercial_businesses_zoning_permit.pdf
 - There is no cost associated with the zoning permit
- The vendor must submit written proof of permission from the property owner with the zoning permit application.
- Community Development staff must determine mobile vending a permitted or conditionally permitted use for the location.

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Areas where Mobile Food Vending is Permitted by Right and Conditionally Permitted

Permitted by Right:

- Industrial (I) District
- Any Planned Development (PD) where Industrial Light Industrial / Business Parks are permitted
- Office Zones (PD)

Conditionally Permitted:

- Auto Center (A-C) District
- Commercial Service (C-S) District
- Commercial Mixed Use (C-M-U) District
- Industrial Administration and Research (I-R) District

A **Conditional Use Permit (CUP)** is required for all areas where mobile food vending is conditionally permitted. A CUP requires a \$3,000 deposit, \$154 Categorical Exemption fee, and a public hearing. A CUP requires 2 or more months for processing. Contact the Community Development Department for more information.

Encroachment Permit Requirements

Requirements for Operating on Public Property (public streets or sidewalks):

Mobile food vendors may stand or park only at the request of a customer and for **no more than ten minutes in any one place**, unless the mobile food vendor is delivering articles upon order of, or by or distribution (Municipal Code Section 22.08.210(a)).

- Mobile food vendors, including commercial vehicles selling food or other merchandise, are not allowed to sell in public parks.
 - Profit making activities in the parks except fund-raisers sponsored and organized by non-profit groups are prohibited.
- A mobile food vendor may park or stand on a street for a period of time **exceeding ten minutes only if the vendor first obtains a written permit from the city traffic engineer or the city council** (Municipal Code Section 22.08.210 (b)).
 - In order for the permit to be issued, the proposed location must not impede or endanger vehicular or pedestrian traffic (22.08.210 (b)).
 - Any permit issued by the city traffic engineer shall not be good for more than 24 hours.
 - A mobile food vendor permit is good only at the location for which it is issued (22.08.210 (d)).

Special Location Permit Requirements

Davis Farmers' Market

Vendors must be approved by the **Davis Farmer's Market Association (DFMA)**. Approval requirements include:

- An application and copies of all appropriate permits and licenses be submitted to the DFMA (contact DFMA for specific permit requirements).
- Approval from the DFMA governing board.
- Compliance with the Davis Farmers Market Rules.

Fees: Stall Fees are calculated as a percentage of the seller's gross sales for that Market Day. A stall fee will be collected for each space used, even in case of no sales.

- **Members:** 6% of gross sales, \$20.00 min. per space
- **Non-Members:** 8% of gross sales, \$26.00 min. per space

More information may be obtained by contacting the Davis Farmer's Market Association.

Davis Farmer's Market Association

Central Park – 4th & C Streets

P.O. Box 1813

Davis, CA 95617

Telephone: (530) 756-1695

<http://www.davisfarmersmarket.org/info/>

E & H Street Plazas

Vendors must obtain a license agreement from the City's **Economic Development Division**.

License requirements include:

- A business plan and visual representation of proposed cart.
- A yearly license agreement with the city.
- Plaza vendors may only sell perishable goods.

Fees: vary.

More information may be obtained by contacting the Economic Development Division.

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Attachments:

- Yolo County Health Department Health Permit Application
- City of Davis Business License Application
- City of Davis Commercial Zoning Permit

