

SDOT LAUNCHES NEW VENDING LOCATIONS TOOL

SDOT is launching a new vending-locations spreadsheet that can be accessed by the link at www.seattle.gov/transportation/stuse_notices_vending.htm. You can use the spreadsheet to:

- Find sites in public comment
- View all SDOT-approved vending sites
- Locate permitted sites expiring within 60 days, 30 days, and currently in lottery
- Search by neighborhood, day of the week, and expiration date
- Find sites ineligible for vending or under construction

SDOT will be posting online when vendors renew their applications for existing sites. This will show in the permit status as “Renewal Pending.” If a vendor does not submit a renewal application 30 or more days prior to permit expiration, the permit status will automatically shift to “In Lottery.” The goal is to make our permitting and lottery processes more transparent to the public.

The spreadsheet opens in Microsoft Excel. As such, it can be filtered, sorted, and saved. If you have questions, email annualpermits@seattle.gov.

SEATTLE CITY LIGHT: DENNY SUBSTATION AND NETWORK UPDATE

Seattle City Light is building a new electrical system and underground distribution network that requires extensive street construction work in the SLU and Denny Triangle neighborhoods. This project will impact many of our curb space vendors. Several sites will be disrupted for 4 weeks and experience a second displacement of 4 to 6 months. The project timeline for South Lake Union has been updated and is anticipated to start in January 2017. SDOT is working hard to mitigate the impact this project will have on our permitted vendors and will communicate more with impacted vendors closer to the project start date. More information and a map of the construction work can be found here: www.seattle.gov/light/dennysub/.



PLANNED CONSTRUCTION MAP

It's no secret the food vending scene in Seattle has exploded! New trucks and sidewalk carts means more choices for the hungry masses but also more competition for vending locations. Food trucks need to be in prime locations for success and these locations are also often the neighborhoods in Seattle undergoing construction booms. Prior to applying for a new site, or to stay a top of construction activity that may impact your permitted site, SDOT recommends vendors periodically check SDOT's Planned Construction Map: <http://web6.seattle.gov/SDOT/ConstructionMap/>.

LOTTERY FOR NEW SITES

SDOT is frequently asked, “Have any spots opened in South Lake Union?” The usual answer is, “No, in fact, we've recently lost some spots to construction.” Word of new locations spreads fast and in no time there may be six applications for one potential vending spot.



People's eyebrows raise and they ask "Six applications?" and then, "Well, it's first come first served right?" SDOT's response is, "Actually...no." SDOT is required by code to hold a lottery if we receive multiple applications for the same vending site prior to the start of public comment. If a lottery is triggered by multiple vendors applying for the same location, SDOT will contact all vendors before and after the lottery is held.

LOTTERY FOR RENEWING VENDING SITES

A vendor is required to submit a complete application for renewal at least 30 days prior to permit expiration.

If the current vendor does not submit a renewal application 30 or more days prior to permit expiration, the permit status online will be changed to "In Lottery" up until the close of business on the day of permit expiration. Be advised per Title 15 of the Seattle Municipal Code, **if a vendor submits a renewal application after their permit's expiration date, they will NOT be included in the lottery for the site. If other applications are received, they will lose their site.**

Shortly after the permit's expiration date, if there are multiple complete applications received, SDOT will hold a lottery. All applicants will be notified of the results of the lottery and those applications selected will move on to the review stage. If no applications are received for the site, the status on the website will be updated to "Accepting Applications."

SDOT code requires a lottery for existing sites when:

1. If the existing permit holder for that location does not apply for renewal within 30 days of the expiration date, or
2. If the existing permit holder has received two citations within one calendar year.

To prevent your permitted site from going to a lottery, stay on top of your expiration date! To check for sites that are expiring soon or the date of your permit expiration, go to www.seattle.gov/transportation/stuse_vend.htm.

WELCOME TO FALL STADIUM VENDING SEASON!

Hello stadium vendors, it's that time of the year again! Who's ready for some Seahawks football? Below are a few things you need to remember when applying for your stadium permits for fall:

- **Avoid a Lottery:** If you're continuing a permit from Spring Season, apply 30 days prior to permit expiration to avoid a lottery.
- **Review Fee:** If you paid a review fee for the spring season, no review deposit fee is needed for fall.
- **Clear, Complete Site Plan:** Along with all the required documents for a complete application, a site plan is one of them. Inadequate site plans will not be accepted so make sure to include line queues, dimensions, north arrows, street names, and waste bins. Don't forget to use your rulers everyone!

DID YOU KNOW?

- 96% of street vendors **own their own business**
- 62% of street vendors in the US are **people of color**
- 51% of street vendors are **immigrants**, who have, on average, been in the US for 22 years

"Vending offers an accessible avenue to entrepreneurship, especially for immigrants [and] minorities"

-Dick M Carpenter II

A main goal of SDOT's street vending program is to promote economic opportunity. This fits right in with the City's Race and Social Justice Initiative, striving to eliminate institutional racism and to remove barriers to economic advancement for people of color. Mobile vending can be a piece of that progress!

To learn more about the City of Seattle's Race and Social Justice Initiative, head here: www.seattle.gov/rsji

¹Data and quote from "Upwardly Mobile: Street Vending and the American Dream" by Dick M. Carpenter II, Ph.D., pg. 5 [Link: <http://ij.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/upwardly-mobile-web-final.pdf>]

QUESTIONS/CONTACT INFORMATION

Counter Coaching Available on the 23rd Floor: M, T, W, Fr 8 AM to 4:30 PM, and Th 10:30 to 4:30. Please arrive by 3:30 PM to make sure you have time to have your questions answered. Email: DOT_Vending@seattle.gov