TYPES OF VENDING PERMITS

- Sidewalk and Plaza Street-Food (CAM 2501)
- Curb Space Food-Vehicle (CAM 2507)
- Temporary Curb Space (CAM 2510)
- Stadium and Event Center (CAM 2508)

Information on Street Use permit types can be found at: www.seattle.gov/transportation/stuse_vend.htm.

VENDING IN SEATTLE

Sidewalk vendors, food trucks and other types of vendors are an integral part of Seattle’s vibrant public spaces. Because these vendors operate in the public right of way, SDOT’s Street Use Division permits where, when and how these vendors are able to use public space. In order to ensure that public and private uses of the right of way are compatible, the City of Seattle requires all vendors to obtain and adhere to the terms of both a business license and a Street Use vending permit before operating in the public right of way. Depending on your type of business, other permits, such as those issued by King County Health or the Seattle Fire Department, may also be required.

THINGS TO CONSIDER BEFORE GETTING YOUR BUSINESS LICENSE AND VENDING PERMIT

- The only vending allowed in Seattle public spaces is the sale of food and/or cut flowers. Sales of other types of merchandise (sunglasses, CDs, art, etc.) are not allowed.
- Application and review processes can take some time. Vending permit applications average 4-8 weeks of processing time after initial submittal. Keep in mind you must have a business license before applying for a vending permit.
- If you want to vend at a special event, such as a festival, fair, or concert, you must be approved by the event organizer prior to the event. For information on Special Events, visit the Office of Special Events website at www.seattle.gov/special-events-office.
- The cost of becoming a vendor is more than just the $45 to $90 annual fee for a business license. The total cost of a Street Use vending permit typically ranges from $300 to $2000 or more, depending on the type of permit required for your business.

CONTACTS

Department of Finance and Administrative Services (business licenses)
(206) 684-8484
tax@Seattle.gov
seattle.gov/licenses

SDOT Street Use Annual Permits
(206) 684-5267
AnnualPermits@Seattle.gov
seattle.gov/transportation/stuse_permits.htm

Seattle Fire Department Fire Marshal’s Office
(206) 386-1450
seattle.gov/fire/FMO/permits/permits.htm

King County Public Health
(206) 263-9566
www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/ehs/foodsafety/FoodBusiness/mobile.aspx

Seattle Parks and Recreation
(206) 684-4075
PKS_Info@seattle.gov
seattle.gov/parks/
I WANT TO START A VENDING BUSINESS

WHAT WILL YOU BE SELLING?

FOOD OR FLOWERS

CITY OF SEATTLE BUSINESS LICENSE + APPLICABLE KING COUNTY HEALTH AND SEATTLE FIRE PERMITS

PRIVATE LAND

LANDOWNER MAY IMPOSE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

PARKLAND

PARKS AND RECREATION USE PERMIT

WHERE WILL YOU BE SELLING?

PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY

LANDOWNER MAY IMPOSE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

TEMP. CURB SPACE VENDING PERMIT

SIDEWALK/PLAZA VENDING PERMIT

STADIUM/EVENT VENDING PERMIT

SOMETHING ELSE*

CITY OF SEATTLE BUSINESS LICENSE (OTHER BUSINESS-SPECIFIC PERMITS MAY ALSO BE REQUIRED)

PRIVATE LAND

LANDOWNER MAY IMPOSE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

PARKS AND RECREATION USE PERMIT

PARKLAND

REQUIRED SDOT STREET USE PERMIT

Disclaimer: This document is intended to be a supplement to, not a replacement for, the regulations pertaining to permitting processes. There may be additional steps required to permit your particular business.

* Note: Alcohol and marijuana products can only be sold in a state-licensed facility.