

VENDING IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY

WHERE DO YOU WANT TO VEND?

- **Public Right of Way (streets, sidewalks, or public plazas):** If you'd like to vend here, you've come to the right place! We issue permits to vend food and flowers in the public right of way.
- **Private Property:** If you're interested in vending on private property, such as in a parking lot or on a private plaza, please talk to the property owner. For more information, please visit the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections website at www.seattle.gov/dpd/permits/commonprojects/streetfoodcarts/default.htm.
- **City Park:** If you'd like to vend in a city park, you must obtain a Parks Use permit through the Seattle Parks Department. Please visit www.seattle.gov/parks/reserve/park-use-permits.

PLEASE NOTE: Vending on private property or in a city park **does not** require an SDOT vending permit, though other permits may be required.

BEFORE APPLYING FOR YOUR SDOT PERMIT

Outside of the authorized Stadium Event Vending area, **only the vending of food, beverages, and/or cut flowers** is allowed in Seattle's public spaces.

Before you may start vending in the right of way, **you must get a Street Use vending permit, and your business license** through the City of Seattle Finance and Administrative Services Department. Visit www.seattle.gov/licenses/get-a-business-license for details.

The following documents may also be required, depending on the type of vending permit you need. Please see the information on the back of this page to learn more.

- **Seattle Fire Department Permit**
www.seattle.gov/fire/business-services/permits
- **King County Food Business Health Permit**
www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/environmental-health/food-safety/food-business-permit.aspx
- **Certificate of Liability Insurance**
www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/SDOT/CAMs/cam2102.pdf
- **Restroom Agreement**
www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/environmental-health/food-safety/food-business-permit/~/_media/depts/health/environmental-health/documents/food-safety/use-of-restroom-agreement.ashx



Sidewalk vendors, food trucks, and other types of vending are an essential part of Seattle's vibrant public spaces.

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VENDING PERMIT TYPES



Sidewalk and Plaza Vending

You may vend from a vending cart at a **specific site on a public sidewalk or plaza**, as designated in your approved SDOT vending permit.

Learn more: [CAM 2501: Sidewalk and Plaza Street-Food Vending](#)



Curb Space Vending

You may vend from a curb space that has been signed and **designated by SDOT as a Food-Vehicle Zone**.

Learn more: [CAM 2507: Curb Space Food-Vehicle Zone Vending](#)



Temporary Curb Space Vending

You may temporarily vend in **non-designated curb spaces for events on public and private property**. Your permit is valid for the specific days and hours during the event.

Learn more: [CAM 2510: Temporary Curb Space Vending](#)



First Amendment Vending

You may vend **merchandise involving ideological messaging in the public right of way**, as designated by SDOT, Seattle Parks and Recreation, or the Seattle Center.

Learn more: [Director's Rule 94-2: First Amendment Vending of Merchandise](#)



Mobile Food Vending

You may vend **foods that are exempt from the food code** from a mobile vending unit. You may travel along a **pre-approved route**, stopping briefly along the way to vend.

Learn more: [CAM 2509: Mobile Food Vending Permits](#)



Stadium and Event Vending

You may sell goods, services, food, or nonalcoholic beverages from a display table, tent, vending cart, or food vehicle **in the authorized Stadium Event Vending area**.

Learn more: [CAM 2508: Stadium and Event Center Vending](#)

More Information

Learn about vending permits:

www.seattle.gov/transportation/projects-and-programs/programs/public-space-management-programs/street-vending

Apply for a vending permit:

www.seattle.gov/transportation/permits-and-services/permits/vending-permits