

Mobile Food Vendor Definitions

- **“Mobile food merchant”** means and refers to any individual that operates or assists in the operation of a vending vehicle in the sale, display, solicitation or offer for sale, barter, exchange, gift or otherwise of foodstuffs from a vending vehicle.
- **“Mobile food vending”** means and refers to the sale, display, solicitation or offer for sale, barter, exchange, gift or otherwise, of foodstuffs from any vending vehicle.
- **“Vending operations”** means and refers to the sale, display, solicitation, offer for sale, barter, exchange, gift or otherwise of foodstuffs from a vending vehicle.
- **“Vending vehicle”** means and refers to any self-propelled, motorized device by which any person or property may be propelled or moved upon a highway, excepting a device moved exclusively by human power, or which may be drawn or towed by a self-propelled, motorized vehicle, or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks, from which foodstuffs are sold, displayed, solicited or offered for sale, bartered, exchanged, given or otherwise.

Permit Requirements

Food Vendor Requirements

All vendors selling food or beverages are required to obtain a **County of Riverside Health Permit** and must follow all **County Health Code requirements**.

No person shall engage in mobile food vending or operate a vending vehicle within the limits of the City of Riverside without first having a **Business Tax Certificate** from the City of Riverside.

Business Tax Application

To apply for a Business Tax Certificate, visit

[RiversideCA.gov/BusinessTax](https://www.RiversideCA.gov/BusinessTax)

HOURS OF OPERATION

Residential Only Areas
Sunrise to Sunset

All Other Areas
Sunrise to Midnight

Vending vehicles are **PROHIBITED** at the following regional reserve/open space parks:

- Box Springs Mountain Open Space
- Challen Park Open Space
- Mount Rubidoux Park and San Andreas Avenue/Glenwood Drive between Tequesquite Avenue and Fourteenth Street
- Pachappa Hill Open Space
- Quail Run Open Space
- Sycamore Canyon Wilderness Park

SEE ANY ILLEGAL VENDING OR OTHER ISSUES?



REPORT IT TO 311
[RiversideCA.gov/311](https://www.RiversideCA.gov/311)

For more information, contact the Code Enforcement Division at (951) 826-5633 or visit [RiversideCA.gov/Code](https://www.RiversideCA.gov/Code)

CITY OF RIVERSIDE MOBILE FOOD VENDOR

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



MOBILE FOOD VENDOR

RULES AND REGULATIONS



No mobile food merchant shall sell, display, solicit, barter, gift, or exchange or otherwise, any foodstuff or other item, from a vending vehicle **within the corporate limits** of the City of Riverside, except as set forth in this Code.



Vending vehicles must be brought to a **complete stop** and be **lawfully parked adjacent to the curb**.



Vending vehicles shall **not be left unattended** or **parked overnight** in the public right-of-way.



Vending vehicles shall **not park within 100 feet of intersections, traffic signals, and marked or unmarked crosswalks** when making a sale or attempting to make a sale.



Vending vehicles shall **not operate out of metered parking stalls** and shall respect all curb markings, including but not limited to loading zones, bus stops, and restricted parking areas.



Vending vehicles shall **not operate within any designated bikeway, bike lane, or bicycle parking area**.



Sales from vending vehicles parked along streets shall **only occur out of the portion of the vending vehicle that faces the sidewalk**, or that **portion opposite moving traffic**. No sales shall be made to persons standing in the portion of the roadway open to other vehicles.



No mobile food merchant shall operate in a manner that **blocks or obstructs the free movement of pedestrians or vehicles**.



No mobile food merchant shall place any **sign, chair, table, umbrella or other object in the public right of way**, which would obstruct pedestrian or vehicle traffic.



Any mobile food merchant who has **not been granted a permit to operate in a special event** must remain **200 feet away from the boundary** of the special event for the duration of the event.



Mobile food merchants operating a vending vehicle must **provide or have garbage receptacles** readily available for immediate use by customers of the vending vehicle.



Mobile food merchants operating a vending vehicle **must pick up, remove and dispose of all garbage, refuse or litter consisting of foodstuffs, wrappers, and/or materials dispensed from the vending vehicle**, and any residue deposited on the street from the operation thereof, and shall otherwise maintain in a clean and debris-free condition the entire area within a **25-foot radius of the location** where mobile food vending is occurring.



No vending vehicle shall **stop or conduct business in any designated alley**.



Ice cream vending. Mobile food merchants engaged in vending ice cream and similar food items in residential neighborhoods shall comply with California Vehicle Code Section 22456, as may be amended from time to time.



It is **unlawful** to sell or offer for sale, display, solicit, barter, exchange, gift or otherwise, any food and/or beverages to any **minor child, attending any of the public or private schools within the City**, on the street or from other public places within **1,000 feet of the exterior boundaries** of land on which is located any public or private school or pre-school building within the City between the hours of **7 a.m. and 4 p.m. of any school day**, without premission.

PRIVATE PROPERTY

No more than two vending vehicles shall be permitted on any private lot in the following zones:

Office, Commercial General, Commercial Retail, Commercial Regional Center, Mixed-Use Village, Mixed-Use Urban, Business and Manufacturing Park, General Industrial, Air Industrial Zone, Airport Zones and any zone within a Specific Plan that allows commercial uses.

Permission is required from the private property owner to operate on the property.

No overnight parking of vending vehicles.

A minimum of **two off-street parking spaces** shall be provided for each vending vehicle.

The parking required herein shall **not be reserved, encumbered, or designated to satisfy the off-street parking of another business or activity** that is operating on the site at the same time as the vending vehicle

