

# OUTDOOR FOOD VENDING IN MINNEAPOLIS



## THE SALE OF FOOD OUTSIDE

1. Sale of all food products requires a license. The licenses that allow the sale of food outside of a building are:
  - a. Mobile Food Vehicle Vendor: A self-contained truck or trailer used to prepare and serve food that is readily movable without disassembling.
  - b. Limited Mobile Food Vendor: A vehicle from which prepackaged items, such as ice cream, pop, and candy are sold.
  - c. Sidewalk Food Cart Vendor: A non-motorized push cart that sells packaged or ready-to-eat foods on public sidewalks or private property in the greater downtown area.
  - d. Short-term Food Permit: The sale of food and drink for a period of not more than three times annually and ten total days at community celebrations, circuses, and other similar events.
  - e. Farmers Markets: Vendors who sell at markets.
2. Food must be prepared in a commercial kitchen and not at a home.
3. Food cannot be peddled door to door.
4. Mobile Food sales are not permitted everywhere in Minneapolis. Please call 311 or 612-673-3000 for information on where mobile food sales are allowed.

If you are found operating without a license, your food sales will be immediately suspended. Your equipment may be impounded and a citation may be issued.

Questions? Give us a call at 612-673-3000 or 311

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