

RE: Formal Notice: Stop unlawful sales of food in the street and on the sidewalk

To make Minneapolis a friendly and inclusive community, it's important to follow the city's rules about selling food. One of the rules is that you must have a license from the City to sell or give away food or beverages on the streets or sidewalks. ¹

You must stop selling food on the sidewalk and in the street immediately.

If you continue selling on the street or sidewalk, the City may:

- Give you a citation (fine) of \$200. The fine doubles each time you sell food without a license.
- Throw away your food.
- Give you a misdemeanor citation, as this will be considered a pattern of illegal behavior.

If you would like more information on how to start a business in the City of Minneapolis or how to obtain a food license, contact Business Licensing at 612-673-2566.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,
Ryan Krick
Interim Director of Environmental Health

¹ [1] **MCO 188.110. - Selling, sorting on streets.**

Selling. No person shall place, exhibit, display, offer for sale or sell, or cause to be placed, exhibited, displayed, offered for sale, or sold, food products of any kind upon or above any sidewalk, street or alley.

MCO 188.160. - License required.

It shall be unlawful for any person to conduct or operate a food establishment without obtaining a license, therefore. The license issued under this chapter shall be known as a food license. No person shall engage in the business of selling food by vending machines without a license. Licenses are not transferable to other locations and individuals unless permitted in other sections of the ordinance.

Notice

You are ordered to **immediately stop selling or giving away food** in the street or on the sidewalk.

In the City of Minneapolis, it is against the law to sell or give away food or beverages without the proper license or permit anywhere in the city. This includes selling in the street or on the sidewalk.

Additional violations may result in fines of \$200. Fines will double for each repeated offense.

Repeated unlicensed sales may result in a misdemeanor citation.