

Some Highlights of Sidewalk Food Cart Requirements

1. Propane is the standard and permitted method of providing a heating and cooling source for your sidewalk food cart.
2. The dimensions of the cart cannot exceed eight (8) feet in height, eight (8) feet in length, and four (4) feet in width. Carts may be equipped with an umbrella or awning which may overhang by a minimum of 12 inches in any direction.
3. Carts must be capable of being moved by one person.
4. Carts can only operate between 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. but if you are located 300 feet from a residence, it's 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
5. Every license holder shall maintain a permanent location within the City of Minneapolis for storage, preparation, cleaning and servicing. The permanent location must be a licensed food facility. The sidewalk food cart must return to the permanent location at least once daily for cleaning.
6. The following is a general list of approved foods allowed to be sold by sidewalk food cart vendors. All food and beverage items must be approved prior to selling.
 - a) Pre-wrapped or packaged non-hazardous foods: (popcorn, candy, canned/bottled beverages, cookies, tortilla chips, packaged ice cream)
 - b) Precooked ready to eat sausages, wieners, polish sausages, cooked bratwurst, frankfurters
 - c) Hot holding of precooked food produced at a Licensed Food Service Establishment
 - d) Hand dipped ice cream
 - e) Hot/cold beverages (coffee, tea, soda, water)
 - f) Other foods may be approved by the Minneapolis Health Department. Contact your Minneapolis Health Inspector at 311 or 612-673-3000.
7. The sidewalk food cart shall meet all requirements needed to obtain permits from the City of Minneapolis and the State of Minnesota.
8. Licenses are not transferable to any other cart or location.
9. Each licensed food cart may operate up to (3) locations.
10. No location currently approved and in use, will be available for selection or approval.
11. For additional information, see the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, [Chapter 188.510](#).