

Zoning Information Guide

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City of Phoenix
PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Mobile Vending

Do I need a mobile vending license?

Who needs a mobile vending license?

Any person doing business as a mobile vendor on private property or employing or hiring another person to do so (City Code Chapter 10, Article XIV, Section 10-161.A)

Who does not need a mobile vending license?

There are several exceptions to the mobile vending license requirement, although you still may need a privilege (sales) tax license:

- A "temporary use" under Section 708.D of the Zoning Ordinance, if you operate no more than five (5) days in a row and no more than four (4) times a year at the same location. (Section 10-169).
- Vendors at a swap meet that is licensed by the city. (Chapter 10, Article V, Section 10-34)
- Vendors at a promotional event at a shopping center regulated by Section 637.A.4 of the Zoning Ordinance. (Section 10-169)
- Vendors selling seasonal items exclusively such as Christmas trees or pumpkins sold before holidays such as Christmas or Halloween. (Section 10-160.7)
- If you visit more than one private property location on a daily basis for one hour or less per location, you do not need a mobile vending license. (Section 10-160.11, 14) Examples are vendors who serve food from catering trucks during breaks and lunch hours.
- If you operate on a public street (as ice cream trucks operate), you need a street vending license. (Section 31-23)
- If you operate on a public sidewalk, you need a sidewalk vending license. (Section 31-26) (Example: hot dog and water vendors near the downtown sports venues) **Sidewalk vending is limited to the downtown area.** For information about street and sidewalk vending licenses, call License Services at (602) 262-4638 or visit them on the 10th floor of Phoenix City Hall, 200 West Washington Street.

Do my employees need a mobile vending license?

Only the owner of the business needs a mobile vending license. If the owner has more than one mobile vending unit, a license is needed for each location (only one unit allowed per location). Also, there must be a manager for each location. (Section 10-161.B, C)

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