Street Vendor Application/Renewal

SARASOTA COUNTY  
Planning & Development Services Division  
1001 Sarasota Center Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34240  
941-861-5000

Permit + $140.00 (nonrefundable, includes a $15 Records Management fee)

Completed application with all necessary attachments is required. All incomplete applications will not be considered. Vending from locations on public property, right-of-way and on the barrier islands require County Commission approval.

A. Applicant Information:

Name of Applicant: ________________________________

Address: ________________________________ City/County: ______________________ Zip: _______

Phone (H): _____________________________ (Mobile): ________________________________

Email Address: _____________________________________________________________________

B. Required Documents:

Department of Business Regulation license to operate as a mobile food vendor.

Photo of vehicle with dimensions of vehicle noted.

C. Permits on Public Property, Rights-of-Way, or Barrier Island – In addition to the above information, please provide the following:

i) Requested Location _____________________________________________________________

(address)

Please provide a site plan indicating where vendor vehicle will be located on property.

If on public property or within a right-of-way, please provide a Certificate of Liability Insurance in the amount of $500,000, listing the Sarasota County as an additionally insured party.
i. Street Vendors. Vendors selling food or flowers from pushcarts or other vehicles may be approved for daily use by a Temporary Use Permit. The application shall be subject to the following standards:

1. A Temporary Use Permit is required for each vendor.

2. The sale of alcoholic beverages shall be prohibited. Overnight parking of the vehicle(s) shall be allowed only on private property.

3. TUPs shall be valid for a period of no more than one year. The Administrator may approve annual renewals upon submittal of a renewal application and supporting documentation as set forth for original applications.

4. Vendors shall be permitted on publicly owned properties, public rights-of-way/sidewalks, only if allowed by the public entity that controls the property. The public entity may take into consideration the effects on existing or planned franchising or licensing arrangements, or any other public health, safety, or proprietary considerations. The County retains the right to revoke or relocate any vendor permit on public property for any reason.

5. Vendors shall be permitted on privately owned property located in the Commercial General (CG), Industrial Light Warehousing (ILW) and Planned Industrial Development (PID), Commercial Neighborhood (CN), Office, Professional & Institutional (OPI), Planned Commerce Development (PCD), Commercial Highway Interchange (CHI), Commercial Intensive (CI), and Commercial Marine (CM) zoning districts subject to the following additional standards:

   i. The Applicant must provide copies of Department of Business Regulation license to operate as a mobile food vendor, if applicable.

   ii. The vendor shall not be located within any of the required parking for the property.

   iii. The vendor location shall not impede, endanger, or interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

   iv. The vendor's pushcart/vehicle shall be set back 50 feet from any abutting residential districts.

   v. The vendor may only operate on a developed property, however it may be on a vacant property under the same ownership and abutting a developed property.

   vi. Vendors may operate from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., or the operating hours of the
onsite business or institution that is not a street vendor, whichever is longer.

vii. Vendors must be set back from residential structures by 150 feet unless an intervening nonresidential building screens the vendor from view.

viii. There may be no more than two vendors on any parcel unless part of a Special Event for which a Temporary Use Permit has been issued by the Administrator.

6. No item related to the operation of the vendor shall be placed on the street, sidewalk, public place or anywhere other than in or on the pushcart.

7. The vendor operator and property owner shall provide for the collection of waste and trash. The vendor operator and property owner shall be responsible for the proper disposal of waste and trash associated with the pushcart operation. No grease, waste, trash or other debris from the operation shall be deposited on or released onto county property, which includes the streets, sidewalk or other public place nor into the gutter or storm drainage system.

8. The Administrator shall have the authority to approve permit applications upon demonstration that all permit requirements have been met.

9. Permit applications for sites on public property or rights-of-way or on the barrier islands, or that do not meet the criteria in Section subsection 2.8., above, shall be reviewed by the Board at public hearing with notice to the applicant and notice to the public ten days in advance of hearing. In addition to meeting subsection 1. above:

i. The applicant must provide a binding site plan indicating where the food vendors will be located on the property.

i. The vendor(s) shall only be set up in the location area as shown on the approved site plan set forth in the operator's permit issued by the county, and shall not impede, endanger or interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

ii. The applicant shall provide a Certificate of Liability Insurance, in the amount of $500,000.00, listing the County as an additionally insured party.

10. The vehicle shall not be larger than ten by 27 feet, with each separate mobile component containing no more than two axles.

11. The Administrator shall have the authority to modify or revoke the vendor TUP upon a finding of a violation of any condition of the TUP approval or this UDC. Prior to revoking a permit, the permittee shall be given written notice of the violation and the action necessary to correct the same. The notice shall be delivered by U.S. certified mail, return receipt requested, or by hand delivery. The notice shall provide that failure to correct the violation shall result in the revocation of the TUP. Within five days of the receipt of the aforementioned notice, the permittee may request an
opportunity to appear before the Administrator in order to show cause why the
permit should not be revoked. However, such appearance shall not be required in the
event that the permittee takes the specified corrective action within the time
designated. The vendor may appeal any modification or revocation to the Board by
filing an appeal with the Administrator within 30 days.

12. Vendors with TUPs may continue in their approved locations with renewals
approved by the Administrator, or may apply for new TUPs under the current
provisions herein.