

5.48.100 - Restrictions on vending operations.

A. Street Vending and Itinerant Vending.

1. No street vendor or itinerant vendor shall vend within twenty-five (25) feet of any driveway, bus stop or crosswalk, nor within twenty-five (25) feet of any intersection, nor within twenty-five (25) feet of any other vending operation.
2. No pushcart or stand or any other item related to the operation of a vending business shall touch, lean against or be affixed to any building or structure, including but not limited to lampposts, parking meters, mailboxes, traffic signal stanchions, fire hydrants, tree boxes, benches, bus shelters, refuse baskets, traffic barriers or fences.
3. All goods, wares, merchandise or food vended by a street vendor or itinerant vendor shall be contained upon or within the pushcart or stand used by the vendor. In no case shall any goods, wares, merchandise or food be placed directly upon a street, sidewalk or public place.
4. No stand used for the purpose of street or itinerant vending shall be larger than four by six feet or three feet by eight feet nor shall any stand have a height greater than four feet. All stands shall be of a portable nature.
5. No pushcart or stand shall be located or placed so as to obstruct pedestrian or motor vehicle traffic or to be detrimental or injurious to public health or safety or to interfere with the use of any street, sidewalk or public place by the public at large.
6. No stand used for street or itinerant vending shall be located upon a public street or highway. Any pushcart used for vending upon a street shall obey all traffic and parking laws, rules and regulations. In no case shall a device used for vending be placed so as to restrict the continued maintenance of a clear passageway and unobstructed sight lines for vehicular and pedestrian traffic.
7. No more than two persons may operate or attend to a stand or pushcart at any one time, and both persons must be licensed under this chapter.
8. All stands and pushcarts shall be equipped with a trash container usable by the general public.
9. No street vendor or itinerant vendor shall operate a vending business within one thousand (1,000) feet of any property used as a public or private elementary, middle or high school from one hour before the regular school day begins until one hour after the regular school day ends; provided, however, that this subsection shall not apply on days when any such school is not in session.
10. All vending equipment, stands, goods, wares, merchandise or food and all other devices of the vending operation shall be removed from the site of the vending operation at the close of each day upon which the vendor was operating. Each vendor shall clean the vending area at the end of each day. Vending shall be allowed only during the hours eight a.m. to nine p.m. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section to the contrary, the requirements of subsection (A)(2), (5), (8) and (10) of this section may be waived or modified for special events.
11. No street vendor or itinerant vendor shall vend within three hundred (300) feet of any public train, bus station or public dock.
12. No vendor shall use or employ a sign or signs advertising its goods, wares, merchandise, food or services except in compliance with the zoning regulations of the city.

13. Vending shall be prohibited within three hundred (300) feet of Seaside Park, Beardsley Park and Pleasure Beach.
14. If vending food, the vendor shall conspicuously display its Bridgeport health department license on the vending apparatus at all times.
15. Vendors may purchase stands or pushcarts from any source, provided all other provisions of this section are adhered. Vendors are not required to purchase pushcarts from the downtown special services district.

B. Motor Vehicle Vending.

1. No motor vehicle vendor shall vend within one thousand (1,000) feet of any property used as a public or private elementary, middle or high school from one hour before the regular school day begins until one hour after the regular school day ends; provided, however, that this subsection shall not apply on days when any such school is not in session.
2. A motor vehicle vendor shall vend only when the motor vehicle is lawfully parked and stopped.
3. A motor vehicle vendor shall vend only from one side of the vehicle furthest away from traffic.
4. A motor vehicle vendor shall not vend to a person standing in the roadway.
5. A motor vehicle vendor shall not stop on the left side of a one-way street to vend.
6. A motor vehicle vendor shall not reverse the motor vehicle to make or attempt to make a sale.
7. A motor vehicle vendor shall not allow any person to ride in or on said motor vehicle while vending except the licensee or an agent licensed under this chapter.
8. A motor vehicle vendor shall comply with all state of Connecticut and local motor vehicle laws and regulations at all times.
9. Whenever a motor vehicle shall stop to vend, emergency flashing lights shall be in operation.
10. No motor vehicle vendor shall stop to vend within twenty-five (25) feet of any driveway, bus stop or crosswalk, nor within twenty-five (25) feet of any intersection.
11. All goods, wares or merchandise vended by a motor vehicle vendor shall be contained within the motor vehicle used by the motor vehicle vendor. In no case shall any goods, wares merchandise or food be placed directly upon a street, sidewalk or public place.
12. No more than two persons may operate or attend to a motor vehicle used for vending at any one time, and both persons must be licensed under this chapter.
13. All motor vehicles used for vending shall be equipped with a trash container usable by the general public.
14. Except for special events, as defined by this chapter, all vending equipment, stands, goods, wares, merchandise or food and all other devices of the vending operation shall be removed from the site of the vending operation at the close of each day upon which the vendor was operating. Each vendor shall clean the vending area at the end of each day. Vending shall be allowed only during the hours eight a.m. to nine p.m.
15. Any motor vehicle used for vending shall stop and park only for the purpose of making a sale and shall not establish a permanent operation at a particular location, or one having a frequency constituting other than a temporary or occasional location.
16. Motor vehicle vending shall be prohibited within three hundred (300) feet of Seaside Park, Beardsley Park and Pleasure Beach.

17. If vending food, the vendor shall conspicuously display its Bridgeport health department license on the vending apparatus at all times.

(Ord. dated 1/21/97 (part))

5.48.140 - Location of street vending and itinerant vending operations restricted.

A street vendor may conduct vending operations only in districts OR-S, OR-G and OR-R, as such districts are set forth on the 1996 Zoning Map of Bridgeport, except that a street vendor may conduct vending operations in district DC-B on Fridays and Saturdays, and in district DC-B on any day on such city property that is not a public park and that has been designated by the chief of police of the city as a permissible vending site. The prohibition contained in this subsection shall not apply to street vendors or itinerant vendors whose vending operation is the vending of food only.

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5.48.150 - Vending in public parks prohibited without consent of board of park commissioners.

No license issued pursuant to this chapter shall be construed to permit vending in any of the public parks of the city, except with the express written consent of the city board of park commissioners.

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