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## STREET AND SIDEWALK VENDORS

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**BASIS** “Sidewalk Vending” means engaging in the business of peddling, vending, selling, or displaying for sale any merchandise or food item, when both the vendor and the vendee are upon a public sidewalk or sidewalk area in the Central Business District.

“Street Vending” means engaging in the business of peddling, vending, selling, or displaying for sale any merchandise or food that occurs while the person travels by foot or any type of conveyance from house to house or place to place, or when such merchandise or food is presented from a vehicle, cart or stand outside the Central Business District.

Central Business District means that area of Wichita bounded by:

1. Lewis Street, the Arkansas River, Elm Street and Washington Avenue, and;
2. Douglas Avenue from the Arkansas River to Seneca Street.

### **LEGAL**

**REFERENCE** Chapter 3.97, Code of the City of Wichita, Kansas

### **REGULATIONS General:**

Does not apply to ice cream vendors, the sale of food or merchandise to be delivered on another day, or milk delivery persons.

Charitable organizations that have existed in the city for over 6 months, or honorably discharged veterans who have been residents of Sedgwick County for six months need a license but a fee will not be charged.

Any license issued shall not include the period of time of the annual Wichita River Festival. If a vendor wishes to sell items during that time, the Wichita River Festival office will need to be contacted.

If the license is for food sales, a food license will need to be obtained from the Health Department.

No street or sidewalk vendor shall use any sound device or sound reproducing or amplifying device in the course of business.

No street or sidewalk vendor shall sell any merchandise or food to any person standing in the street.

No street or sidewalk vendor shall allow their vehicle or stand to obstruct the movement of pedestrians or other vehicles using the street, alley or public right of way.

No vending shall be allowed on a street or sidewalk within a public park or on a street or sidewalk abutting a public park unless the vendor has entered into a special agreement with the city department of park and recreation.

Individual vendors need to carry their license at all times. Other vendors need to supply their representatives with identification cards stating the name of the company, the name of the representative, and the city license number.

### **Street Vending:**

Street vending is prohibited within the Central Business District.

Vending may be conducted in residential districts, but no street vendor shall set up a stand or other movable or temporary contrivance on any public street or alley nor shall any street vendor be allowed to cross the lawn or other portions of the premises of others, except upon the duly constituted sidewalks and walks leading directly to the front doors of any residence.

**Street Vending (continued):**

No street vendor shall park a vehicle or series of vehicles on any public street or alley for more than four consecutive hours in an eight-hour period.

No street vendor shall sell merchandise or food within two blocks of any public or private school between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. School governing boards or administrators may make arrangements to provide vending locations on school property.

Street vending shall be conducted in residential districts only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on any day. Street vending at any other hours in residential districts is strictly prohibited.

**Sidewalk Vending:**

Sidewalk vending is prohibited outside of the Central Business District.

Sidewalk vending is limited to the vending of food items only, however, the vending of fresh fruit and vegetables not intended for immediate consumption by the purchaser is prohibited.

Vehicles used for sidewalk vending must be constructed to provide a receptacle for all waste material generated by the vending operation.

There cannot be more than one vending vehicle per side, per city block.

Vehicles cannot be left unattended at any time, parked or placed with 15 feet of any intersection, within 25 feet of any fire hydrant or upon any sidewalk that is less than 8 feet wide.

Vehicles cannot be placed or parked in the same location for a period in excess of four consecutive hours in an eight-hour period.

**ENFORCING  
AUTHORITY**

Environmental Health Department for food vendors; Police Department for merchandise vendors.

**FEES**

Per day.....	\$ 6.25
Per month, per vehicle.....	\$ 31.75
Per 6 months, per vehicle .....	\$137.50
Per year, per vehicle .....	\$250.00