The purpose of the Sidewalk Vending Ordinance is to implement regulations on both roaming and stationary sidewalk vending that protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the community while complying with the requirements of general state law. These rules and regulations do not prevent sidewalk vendors from entering into partnerships or other arrangements with restaurants to use their facilities, so long as they are compliant with applicable laws and regulations, including Riverside County Environmental Health laws and regulations.

Locations and Standards

- Stationary sidewalk vendors are prohibited from operating or establishing in any residential zone in the City.
- Stationary sidewalk vendors may operate in non-residential zones of the City, including mixed use zones, if they meet the following:
 - Duly licensed and meets all requirements of PSMC 5.89.030.
 - Must leave 48' inches of unobstructed accessible path of travel, without obstruction, along the public sidewalk or public pathway.
 - If selling food, display a valid County Health Permit in a conspicuous location.
 - Vendor food carts must display a current Count decal sticker. Exceptions: Vendor consists solely of 25 square feet or less display area and only prepackaged non-potentially hazardous food and whole uncut produce is sold.
 - All employees shall possess a current food handlers card issued by the County if food is being sold.
 - Vending hours shall be between one-half hour before sunrise and 3:00 am of every day.
 - Sidewalk vendors must maintain the vending area in a clean, orderly, and sanitary condition, including upon departure and during use.
 - No vending shall occur within 10 feet of any entrance or exit of any building, or any driveway, parking space or building window.
 - No vending shall occur within 10 feet of a fire hydrant, fire escape, bus stop, loading zone, handicapped parking space or access ramp, bike rack, public bench, fire station driveway, or police station driveway.
 - No dining tables, chairs, fences, or other site furniture shall be permitted in conjunction with the vendors vending activity.
 - Vendors may have one umbrella or tent structure, not to exceed 100 square feet in area and it cannot encroach into the accessible path of travel or onto private property.
 - During operations, no food shall be stored, displayed, or served from any place than the approved food cart. The use of side units, coolers, benches, or tables for food preparation, storage or display is prohibited.

- Vendors selling potentially hazardous food products shall provide a trash container for customers within 20 feet of the food cart.
- Vendors may have 1 sign, not to exceed 8 square feet in area, or two signs not to exceed four feet in area each. Signage must be affixed to the car.
- Vendors shall not attach or use any water lines, electrical or telecommunication lines, or gas lines.
- Food vendors lighting shall be directed downward (PSZC 93.21.00).
- No exterior storage or display of trash, equipment, materials, goods, wares, or merchandise associated with the vendor is prohibited.
- Music and other amplified noise is subject to the noise restrictions found in PSMC 11.74.043(f).
- No vending is allowed within 200 feet of a Certified Farmer's Market, Swap Meet or a Temporary Event.
- Sidewalk vendors shall not discharge any liquid (water, grease, oils, etc.) onto or into City streets, storm drains, catch basins, or sewer facilities. It is the responsibility of the vendor to properly dispose.
- No vending shall occur within a corner cutoff area.
- Sidewalk vendors shall comply with all applicable fire code requirements.
 Smoke or odors from food preparation is subject to PSMC 6.08.020.
- No food vending is allowed Friday through Sunday during the hours of 4pm and 11pm from Oct. 1 through April 30th on Palm Canyon between Baristo Road to the south and Alejo road to the North or on Arenas between Indian Canyon Drive to the west and Calle Enclia to the East.
- Sidewalk vendors and employees must comply with all federal and state labor laws and regulations.
- Sidewalk vendors must comply with the Reusable Food Service Ware and Reusable Food Service Ware Accessories regulations in PSMC 5.87.

Sidewalk Vending in Parks, Certified Markets

- Sidewalk vending is not allowed in City Park with a concession stand operated by a vendor with a contract with the City selling similar food or merchandise or in an are occupied by a Certified Farmer's market.
- Sidewalk vendors may operate in the City Parks if they meet the following:
 - The sidewalk vendor is duly licensed is duly licensed and meets all the requirements of PSMC 5.89.030.
 - Stationary sidewalk vending, the sidewalk vendor can set up their vending operation while still leaving a minimum of 48 inches of unobstructed accessible path of travel, without obstruction, along the public sidewalk or public pathway.
 - Stationary sidewalk vendors may also set up in grassed areas of public parks, except for athletic fields.
 - The sidewalk vendor maintains the vending area in a clean, orderly, and sanitary condition, including upon departure.
 - Sidewalk vendors selling food must display a valid Health Permit issued by the County. Exceptions: Vendor consists solely of 25 square feet or less display area and only prepackaged non-potentially hazardous food and whole uncut produce is sold.
 - Sidewalk vendor food carts shall possess a current County decal sticker.
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 - No vending shall occur within 10 feet of any entrance or exit of any building, or exit of any building, or any driveway, parking space or building window.
 - Sidewalk vending must stop operations one hour prior to the close of the park. This does not prevent staying until the park closes.
 - No dining tables, chairs, fences, or other site furniture shall be permitted in conjunction with the vendors vending activities.
 - Vendors may have one umbrella or tent structure, not to exceed one hundred square feet in area. The umbrella or shade structure shall not encroach into the accessible path or travel.
 - During operations, no food shall be stored, displayed, or served from any place than the approved food cart. The use of side units, coolers, benches, or tables for food preparation, storage or display is prohibited.
 - Vendors selling potentially hazardous food products shall provide a trash container for customers within 20 feet of the food cart.
 - Vendors may have 1 sign, not to exceed 8 square feet in area, or two signs not to exceed four feet in area each. Signage must be affixed to the car.
 - Food vendors lighting shall be directed downward (PSZC 93.21.00).

- Sidewalk vendors shall not discharge any liquid (water, grease, oils, etc.) onto or into City streets, storm drains, catch basins, or sewer facilities. It is the responsibility of the vendor to properly dispose.
- No vending shall occur within a corner cutoff area.
- Sidewalk vendors and employees must comply with all federal and state labor laws and regulations.
- Sidewalk vendors must comply with the Reusable Food Service Ware and Reusable Food Service Ware Accessories regulations in PSMC 5.87.

Roaming Sidewalk Vending

Roaming sidewalk vendors must:

- Be duly licensed and meets all requirements of PSMC 5.89.030.
- Hours for residential zones shall be conducted between the hours of one-half hour before sunrise and 3:00 am every day.
- Vendors must maintain their temporary vending area in a clean, orderly and sanitary condition, including upon departure of the vending area after its use.
- No vending shall occur within 10 feet of any entrance or exit or any building, or any driveway, parking space or building window.
- Vendors may have 1 sign not to exceed 8 square feet in area.
- Vendors playing music or utilizing amplifying devices or musical instruments shall be subject PSMC 11.74.043(f).
- No vending shall occur within 200 feet of a Certified Farmers Market, Swap Meet, or event held pursuant to a Temporary Event Permit.
- No vending shall occur within a corner cutoff area.
- No vending shall occur.
- Sidewalk vendors and employees must comply with all federal and state labor laws and regulations.