

WHAT IS CODE ENFORCEMENT?

According to the California Association of Code Enforcement Officers, "Code Enforcement is the prevention, detection, investigation and enforcement of violations of statutes or ordinances regulating public health, safety and welfare, public works, business activities and consumer protection, building standards, land-use, or municipal affairs."



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To report violations, call the Code
Violation Hotline: 559-713-4534

HELPFUL RESOURCES

Scan the code with your phone or
type the link for each resource.



CalGOLD

You can use CalGOLD, an online permit assistance tool, to identify local, state, and federal permit information for businesses.

Link: bit.ly/CalGOLD



California Office of the Small Business Advocate

California funds a network of small business technical assistance centers in over 30 languages that provide no-cost one-on-one consulting as well as low-cost training services and programs to small businesses and entrepreneurs.

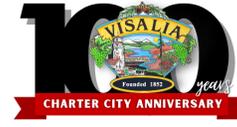
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WHO IS A MOBILE FOOD VENDOR?

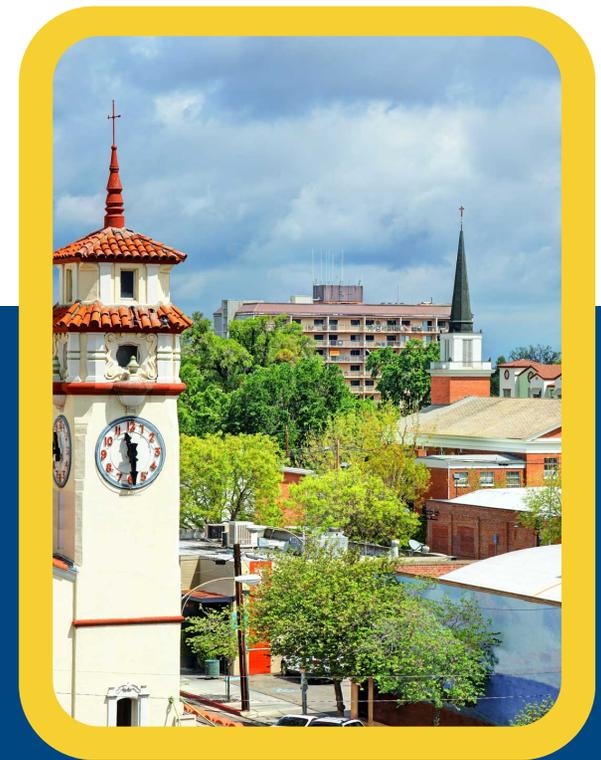
A mobile food vendor refers to a person who is engaged in the sale of foods from a truck, trailer, or other moveable wheeled equipment during specified hours of operation.

City of Visalia requires certain permits and certificates in order to operate legally. Enclosed you will find a list of local, state, and federal requirements that are necessary to become a legal mobile food vendor.



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**A Guide For Better
Visalia Communities**
Mobile Food Vendor Guide

HOW TO GET STARTED

ON PRIVATE PROPERTY (LOCAL LEVEL)

Business Tax Certificate – is required, from the City of Visalia, prior to conducting any business, trade, or profession in the city limits.

Temporary Conditional Use Permit (TCUP) - are applied when a business or organization wants to have a short-term use on a site.

Health Permit (If Food Related) – is required when you serve food to the general public.

ON PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY (LOCAL LEVEL)

Stationary/Mobile Vendor Permit – must be obtained prior to performing work or restricting/closing any mode of travel within the City of Visalia’s Right-of-Way.

Proof of Insurance – A Certificate of General Liability Insurance with the city or county listed may need to be presented prior to final approval of the TCUP.

Business Tax Certificate - (see above)

Health Permit - (see above)

STATE & FEDERAL LEVEL

Food Safety Certification – At least one employee must be certified in food safety by passing an approved Food Safety Certification examination. All other employees involved in the preparation, storage, or service of food in a food facility must obtain a Food Handler Card.

Income Taxes – All businesses are required to file State income taxes with the Franchise Tax Board (FTB) and Federal taxes with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

TO OBTAIN LOCAL REQUIRED FORMS

- **Business Tax Certificate**

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- **All Other Forms**

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HOW TO OPERATE LEGALLY

Enclosure – All food preparation must take place within an enclosure to prevent contamination by birds, dust, insects, or other airborne hazards.

Temperature Control – Hot foods must be kept at a minimum of 135° F or above. Cold foods must be kept at a minimum 41° F or below.

Hygiene – A handwashing station with soap and paper towels is required to prevent foodborne illness.

Identification Signs – These signs let the customers know who they are buying food from and where it was made. If a customer feels that they got sick from a permitted vendor, they can call the Tulare County Division of Environmental Health and file a complaint.

Permit Decal – All permitted mobile food vendors must have this sticker posted on their mobile food vending unit. The permits must be renewed annually and the color of the decal changes every year.



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Minimum Distance Required - All mobile food vendors must be 300 feet from the front door of any restaurant and/or residential properties.

Mobile Food Vendor Lighting - Lighting associated with the mobile food vendor shall not be directed towards the public right-of-way, adjacent properties, or the night sky.

Sale of Alcoholic Beverages - Mobile food vendors are prohibited from selling alcoholic beverages unless a short-term liquor license for special events is obtained through Alcohol Beverage Control.

Mobile Food Vending Signage - Signage on a mobile food vending unit is permitted. A-frame signage and/or similar signs shall be prohibited.

Music or Audio - Mobile food vendors are prohibited from providing amplified and nonamplified music or audio.

Overnight Parking Prohibited - Mobile food vending units may be left on a site overnight if the site is a commissary or an approved vehicle storage yard/location.

Site Cleanup - Mobile food vendors must have adequate trash receptacles available at all times and must keep the sites that are occupied for food vending free and clear of trash.

