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STREET VENDORS

(FOOD/PEDDLER HAWKER)

Ordinances Rules & Regulations



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General Information

Definition of Street Vendor:

1. Any person who engages in selling or bartering, or carrying for sale or barter, or exposing therefore, any goods, wares or merchandise, either on foot or from any animal or vehicle.
2. Any person who engages in selling goods, wares and merchandise at a temporary location.

The Fees for a Street Vendor's License:

Annual License	\$200.00
One Day	\$60.00
Two Days	\$120.00
Three Days	\$180.00
Four Days	\$240.00
Managing Itinerant Vendor (5 Carts or More)	\$3,500

*******ALL YEARLY RENEWALS MUST COME IN AT LEAST ONE (1) MONTH PRIOR TO THEIR LICENSE EXPIRING. ALL DAILY LICENSES MUST BE APPLIED FOR AT LEAST ONE (1) WEEK BEFORE EVENT. NO EXCEPTIONS.*******

If the Street Vendor application is denied by the City of New Haven, the applicant will be entitled to a full refund. However if the applicant withdraws their application for any other reason, there will be a \$50.00 (fifty dollar) administrative fee withheld from payment reimbursement.

*****FEES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH FISCAL YEAR.*****



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***Required Documentation
for a Street Vendor License***

**COMPLETED DATED AND SIGNED APPLICATION
PACKET**

APPLICATION, CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK, AND CERTIFICATE OF
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

VALID PHOTO IDENTIFICATION

MUST DISPLAY CURRENT ADDRESS AND AN EXPIRATION DATE

VALID CONNECTICUT SALES TAX AND USE PERMIT

ISSUED FROM THE STATE OF CT DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SERVICES

LOCAL OFFICE IN WATERBURY

55 WEST MAIN STREET, SUITE 100, WATERBURY, CT 06702

203-805-6789

<http://www.ct.gov/drs>

VALID HEALTH CERTIFICATE

TO OPERATE A FOOD CART/TRUCK

ISSUED BY THE CITY NEW HAVEN HEALTH DEPARTMENT

54 MEADOW STREET 9TH FLOOR

NEW HAVEN CT

203-946-8174

LOCATED BEHIND THE NEW HAVEN POLICE DEPARTMENT



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RESTRICTED VENDING AREAS

****SPECIAL PERMISSION REQUIRED TO VEND****

CEDAR STREET/YORK STREET

Based upon concerns regarding the congestion of street vendors in the vicinity of York and Cedar Streets, this location is being designated a “Special Vending” area.

SACHEM STREET/PROSPECT STREET

Based upon concerns regarding the congestion of street vendors at the corner of Sachem and Prospect Streets, this location is being designated a “Special Vending” area.

LONG WHARF

Based upon concerns regarding the congestion of street vendors at the Long Wharf Drive, this location is being designated a “Special Vending” area.

GATEWAY SPECIAL DISTRICT

Based upon concerns regarding the congestion of street vendors around Gateway Community College, this location is being designated a “Special Vending” area.

GRAND AVE

Based upon concerns regarding the congestion of street vendors Grand Avenue, this location is being designated a “Special Vending” area.

CITY PARKS

No vending is allowed in city parks without a permit from the Director of the Parks Department. This permit must be in the street vendor’s possession at all times while vending. The Parks Department permit is in addition to required business and health licenses/permits.

NEW HAVEN GREEN

The Proprietors of the New Haven Green specifically prohibit vending on the Green. The penalty for violation of this regulation is a fine of \$300.00 (three hundred dollars) per offense.

SCHOOL GROUNDS

No vending is allowed on any New Haven Public School grounds.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Vending is prohibited in all residential districts (RS-1, RS-2, RM-2, RH-1, RH-2, RO and residential PDDs and PDUs).



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Applicants for Street Vendor Licenses Please Take Note

General Information

- All street vendors must obtain a business license from the Permit & License Center.
- If vending is to take place in a park, a permit from the Parks Department is required.
- All street vendors are subject to local and state motor vehicle, traffic and parking laws and regulations.
- If food is being sold, a permit from the Health Department is also required.
- The Fire Marshall is required to inspect all food vendor conveyances.

Street Vendor Business License Requirements

All street vendors must display their vending license and wear their name badge with photograph at all times while vending. Health and Parks permits must also be maintained at the vending location. Licenses are not transferable.

Vending carts used on sidewalks can be no larger than 4'9" (four feet nine inches) high 5'8" (five feet eight inches) long and 3'6" (three feet six inches) wide. Each vending cart must be equipped with wheels.

If a motor vehicle is to be used, it must be properly registered with CT DMV and the street vendor must have a valid operator's license in his possession while vending.

If a trailer is to be used it must be properly registered with the State and must comply with all Connecticut motor vehicle laws. Trailers may not be parked on sidewalks.

If a leased motor vehicle is used the street vendor must have a copy of the lease agreement while conducting business from the vehicle.

Each cart or conveyance must be equipped with a trash container affixed to it for disposing of trash, litter, garbage and other waste connected with the vending operation.

No street vendor shall leave any location without first picking up and removing all trash remaining from his/her sales.

No street vendor shall use, set up or attach any device to increase the selling display capacity of the cart or conveyance beyond the dimensions of 4'9" high x 5'8" long x 3'6" wide.



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Street Vendor Business License Requirements (continued)

Vending or sidewalk sales shall not be conducted in front of the entrance or exit to any building or driveway, in front of any mailbox or traffic signal, or within any bus stop or loading zone. No conveyance used in street vending shall be located closer than twenty (20) feet of any emergency call box.

No conveyance used in street vending shall be located closer than twenty (20) feet to any fire hydrant.

No street vendor shall stop, stand, park, place or allow his conveyance to be closer than fifty (50) feet from any other conveyance or a business that sells like items.

No street vendor shall leave any conveyance or stand unattended during hours engaged in sales, nor shall any conveyance be left on the sidewalk overnight. Street vendors shall not vend between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. on any day of the week.

Vending is prohibited in all residential districts (RS-1, RS-2, RM-2, RH-1, RH-2, RO and residential PDDs and PDUs).

Vending carts are to be located fully within the boundaries of paved sidewalk surface and/or tree belt while on the public space provided. However, on those streets where no paved sidewalk exists, carts shall be so placed as to not interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic. No part of the cart may extend over the curb line, nor shall it be positioned in such manner as to obstruct a crosswalk, handicap ramp, fire hydrant, driveway, entrance or exit to any building. Carts must be positioned to allow an unobstructed pedestrian walkway of at least four (4) feet in width. Where a four-foot width is not possible, vending shall be prohibited.

Street vendors shall be prohibited from engaging in the sale of **Nuisance Products** including, but not limited to, items commonly known as:

- Silly String
- Smoke Bags or Instant Smoke
- Novelties and Trick Noise Makers
- Sparklers
- Fireworks

The penalty for violation of this regulation shall be a fine of \$99.00 (ninety-nine dollars) per offense.



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Requirements For Vending At Special Events

Event organizers may select vendors to have exclusive rights to vend food and/or merchandise on Temple Street as part of an event held on the New Haven Green. The process by which vendors are selected is the responsibility of the Event Organizer.

Event organizers will be responsible for:

- Notifying street vendors of required permits and requirements.
- Procurement of permit for use of the New Haven Green from the Parks Dept.
- Procurement of permit for closure of Temple Street (leaving one lane open for emergency vehicles) from Barbara Perrotti, Building Department – License & Permit Center.
- Procurement of tents for use by selected street vendors.
- Provision of portable toilets including handicapped accessible models and hand washing stations as determined by the Health Department.

Event Organizers may request that the Mayor issue a Festival Proclamation. When a Proclamation is made, street vendors who do not have exclusive rights to sell as part of the festival shall be required to move to the sidewalks across the street from the New Haven Green.

Vending During Declared Festivals

When the Mayor has declared a festival on the New Haven Green notice will be published in the local newspaper no more than fourteen (14) days and no less than seven (7) days before the date of the festival. The notice will be specific as to the date, time and duration of the event.

For the duration of the declared festival no street vendor may vend on the streets or sidewalks adjacent to the Green. Vending is permitted starting at the curb line of the sidewalk opposite the Green along Chapel St. (south side), Elm St. (north side), Church St. (east side) and Temple St. (west side) or fifty (50) feet from any intersection adjacent to the Green.

Vending may occur from vehicles or carts on the streets adjacent to the opposite curb from the Green in places where parking is permitted (e.g., Church St. in front of City Hall would be allowed, but not Chapel St in front of 900 Chapel and not Elm St. in front of the Library).



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New Haven Code of General Ordinances
Chapter 17: Licenses and Permits
Article XI. Vendors



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ARTICLE XI. - VENDORS

Sec. 17-11. - Provisions of Article I apply.

The provisions of Article I, Licenses and Permits In General, of this chapter also apply to the activities regulated by this article.

(Ord. No. 1304, Pt. I(J), 12-17-01)

Sec. 17-11.1. - Definitions.

For the purposes of this article, the following meanings apply:

Vendor means:

- (1) Any person who engages in selling or bartering, or carrying for sale or barter, or exposing therefor, any goods, wares or merchandise, either on foot or from any animal or vehicle.
- (2) Any person who engages in selling goods, wares and merchandise at a temporary location.

Managing vendor means any person who conducts, manages or organizes a show for purposes of exhibition and sale at a temporary location that is open to the general public and at which goods, wares or merchandise are on display and offered for sale by vendors.

Temporary location means from any tent, booth, building or other structure, unless such place is open for business during usual business hours for a period of at least nine (9) months in each year.

(Ord. No. 1304, Pt. I(J), 12-17-01)

Sec. 17-11.2. - License required.

- (a) Any person who engages in vending upon the public streets or upon any state highway, except limited access highways, within the city or any land abutting such streets or highways is required to obtain a vendor's license in accordance with the provisions of this article.
- (b) Any person who sells or exposes any goods, wares or merchandise for sale at a temporary location must obtain a vendor's license in accordance with the provisions of this article.
- (c) Any person who engages in the activities of a managing vendor must obtain a managing vendor's license in accordance with the provisions of this article.
- (d) The following are exempt from the requirements of this article: tag sales, house-to-house sale of newspapers and magazines, restaurant seating on a sidewalk served by a kitchen in an abutting structure, general sales, and fairs, auctions or bazaars by nonprofit organizations, religious groups or government.
- (e) Pursuant to section 21-37 of the general statutes, the following sales are exempt from the requirements of this article:

Sales by farmers and gardeners of the produce of their farms, gardens and greenhouses, including fruit, vegetables and flowers, or to the sale, distribution and delivery of milk, teas, coffees, spices, groceries, meats and bakery goods, to sales on approval, to conditional sales of merchandise, or to the taking of orders for merchandise for future delivery when full payment is not required at the time of solicitation.

(Ord. No. 1304, Pt. I(J), 12-17-01)



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Sec. 17-11.3. - Application.

- (a) In order to obtain a license under this article, an interested person must file an application with the issuer, and provide all of the following information in addition to the information required by section 17-1.3 of this Code:
- (1) A valid Connecticut state tax number.
 - (2) A statement describing the kind and character of the merchandise, services, samples or subscriptions being offered for sale.
 - (3) The proposed location(s) at which the merchandise, services, samples or subscriptions are to be offered.
- (b) Additionally, the applicant must supply all of the following information:
- (1) The applicant's photograph with proof of identity and address.
 - (2) If selling food, a valid health certificate from the New Haven Health Department.
 - (3) If a cart, conveyance or stand is to be used, a photograph and description of it. The cart, conveyance or stand can be no larger than four (4) feet, nine (9) inches high, five (5) feet, eight (8) inches long, and three (3) feet, six (6) inches wide. Each cart, conveyance or stand must be equipped with wheels.
 - (4) If a motor vehicle is to be used, the applicant must provide a description of the vehicle with a motor vehicle registration and operator's license.
 - (5) If a leased motor vehicle is used, the applicant must provide a copy of the leasing agreement.

(Ord. No. 1304, Pt. I(J), 12-17-01)

Sec. 17-11.4. - Disqualification of applicant.

The background check described in section 17-1.4 of this Code may be waived by the police chief or his designee for an applicant seeking a vendor's license for a period of five (5) or fewer consecutive days. Only one (1) waiver per calendar year shall be allowed.

(Ord. No. 1304, Pt. I(J), 12-17-01)

Sec. 17-11.5. - Conditions.

The police chief or his designee shall investigate the applicant's business, including but not limited to inquiries to any police department, better business bureau or consumer protection department, and the neighborhood where the vending is to be conducted, to ensure that the proposed vending will not have a negative impact upon the public health, safety or welfare.

(Ord. No. 1304, Pt. I(J), 12-17-01)



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Sec. 17-11.6. - Issuance.

- (a) Upon finding that the facts stated in the application are true and complete, and upon payment of the license fee prescribed by section 17-201 of this Code, the issuer shall issue a dated and signed license in accordance with this article. The license identification shall include the full name and a photograph of the licensee. The licensee shall carry the license identification on his person, and the license shall be exhibited to anyone requesting to see the same at any time while the licensee is engaged in the activities authorized by such license. The license shall be personal and nontransferable.
- (b) The issuance of such a license does not constitute an endorsement of the person, product or service by the city.
- (c) Pursuant to section 21-30 of the general statutes, any resident of this state who has resided within the state for a period of two (2) years next preceding the date of application for such license, and who is a veteran [*] who served in time of war as defined by section 27-103 of the general statutes, shall not be required to pay any license fee for the privilege of buying, selling or vending goods, wares or merchandise from a temporary location, as defined in section 17-11.1(c) of this Code, within its limits. The city may defer issuance of such license for a period not to exceed seven (7) days for purpose of investigation. Lapel pins, buttons, flowers, small flags and similar novelties, and books and magazines, shall not be construed to be goods, wares and merchandise within the meaning of this section. Such person must show separation papers to qualify for the exemption.

(Ord. No. 1304, Pt. I(J), 12-17-01)

*** See attachment on how to obtain a free copy of your DD214 from the National Archives**

Sec. 17-11.7. - Suspension, cancellation or revocation.

- (a) In addition to the reasons listed in section 17-1.15 of this Code, the issuer may suspend, cancel or revoke such license for any of the following reasons:
 - (1) The licensee engaged in conduct of a character likely to mislead, deceive or defraud.
 - (2) The licensee engaged in any untruthful or misleading advertising.
- (b) The police chief or his designee shall have the authority to revoke the license of any vendor convicted of violating any provision of this Code, relative to the storing, handling or sale of food, or any similar regulation, or for any other proper cause, upon the presentation of written notice to the applicant establishing such proper cause.

(Ord. No. 1304, Pt. I(J), 12-17-01)

Sec. 17-11.8. - Regulations.

All licensees shall comply with all of the following regulations:

- (a) Each conveyance used for street vending shall be equipped with a trash container affixed to it for disposing of trash, litter, garbage, refuse and other waste connected with the vending operation.
- (b) No street vendor shall leave any location without first picking up and removing all trash and refuse remaining from his sales.
- (c) No vendor shall use, set up or attach any crate, carton, rack or any device of any kind to increase the selling display capacity of the conveyance used beyond the above maximum size requirements stated in section 17-11.3(b)(3) of this Code.



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- (d) Street vending or sidewalk sales shall not be conducted in front of the entrance or exit to any building or driveway, in front of any mailbox or traffic signal, or within any bus stop or loading zone. No conveyance used in street vending shall be located closer than twenty (20) feet of any emergency call box.
- (e) No conveyance used in street vending shall be located closer than twenty (20) feet of any fire hydrant.
- (f) No street vendor shall stop, stand, park, place or allow his conveyance to be closer than fifty (50) feet from any other conveyance.
- (g) No street vendor shall leave any conveyance or stand unattended during hours engaged in sales, nor shall any conveyance be left on the sidewalk overnight. Vendors shall not vend between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. on any day of the week except as stipulated in vending agreements approved by the board of aldermen for specially designated areas of the city.
- (h) Vending is prohibited in all residential districts (RS-1, RS-2, RM-1, RM-2, RH-1, RH-2, RO and residential PDDs and PDUs).
- (i) Carts are to be located fully within the boundaries of the paved sidewalk surface and/or tree belt while on public space, provided, however, that on those streets where no paved sidewalk exists, carts shall be so placed as to not interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic. No part of the cart may extend over the curb line, nor shall it be positioned in such manner as to obstruct a crosswalk, handicap ramp, fire hydrant, driveway or access to any building. Carts must be positioned to allow an unobstructed pedestrian walkway at least four (4) feet in width. Where a four-foot width is not possible, vending shall be prohibited.
- (j) No street vendor shall stop, stand, park, place or allow his conveyance to be closer than fifty (50) feet from any business selling similar items.
- (k) Each vendor other than those on foot shall have a license that has a copy of the vendor's driver's license or identification card on its opposite side. The license shall be conspicuously displayed, if possible, at the place where the vending activities are undertaken, as required by section 21-37 of the general statutes.
- (l) The vendor shall wear a photo identification badge on his/her person at all times while conducting business.
- (m) Vendors shall be prohibited from engaging in sale of nuisance products including, but not limited to, items commonly known as Silly String, an aerosol can from which string-shaped foam-like material may be sprayed, and Smoke Bag or Instant Smoke, a plastic bag or tube-like container holding material which when exposed to air produces a quantity of smoke-like emission.

(Ord. No. 1304, Pt. I(J), 12-17-01)

Sec. 17-11.9. - Penalties.

- (a) Any person who engages in the activities defined in section 17-11.1(a)(1) of this Code without the license required by section 17-11.2(a) of this Code shall be fined the maximum amount allowed by section 21-38 of the general statutes.
- (b) Any person who engages in the activities defined in section 17-11.1(a)(2) of this Code without the license required by section 17-11.2(b) of this Code shall be fined or imprisoned or both pursuant to section 21-35 of the general statutes.



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- (c) Any person who engages in the activities defined in section 17-11.1(b) of this Code without the license required by section 17-11.2(c) of this Code shall be fined or imprisoned or both pursuant to section 21-35 of the general statutes.

(Ord. No. 1304, Pt. I(J), 12-17-01)

Sec. 17-11.10. - Vending by children.

No child under the age of sixteen (16) years shall be allowed to engage in vending unless they have been issued working papers by the appropriate city authority, or are otherwise permitted to do so under state and/or federal law.

(Ord. No. 1304, Pt. I(J), 12-17-01)

Sec. 17-11.11. - Vending forbidden adjacent to New Haven Green during a declared festival.

- (a) The mayor may, for purposes of public safety, convenience and welfare, declare as a festival any event to be held on the New Haven Green which in its past occurrence has been heavily attended, or which he reasonably anticipates will be heavily attended. A festival declaration must be specific as to date, time of commencement and time of ending of the event.
- (b) Notice of the festival declaration must be published in the major newspapers of this city, and given to the board of aldermen no more than fourteen (14) and no less than seven (7) days before the date of the festival.
- (c) For the duration of a festival, no vendor may vend any goods, wares, services or merchandise on the streets or sidewalks up to the opposite curb line of Elm, Chapel, Church and Temple Streets, or fifty (50) feet from any intersection adjacent to the Green. However, vending may occur from vehicles or carts in the streets adjacent to the opposite curb from the Green in places where parking is permitted. While such declaration is in effect, the city shall provide such police protection as shall be necessary to protect all pedestrians walking between the Green and the above-described streets.

(Ord. No. 1304, Pt. I(J), 12-17-01)

Sec. 17-11.12. - Lease of interest in sidewalk and street to encourage commercial development; use by vendors.

- (a) Pursuant to sections 7-148(c)(3)(A) and 7-148(c)(6)(C)(vi) of the general statutes, the city may grant a license to abutting property owners for the use of sidewalks and streets for the purpose of encouraging commercial development. Such license shall be granted only upon approval by the board of aldermen of the general terms and conditions of such license.
- (b) No vendor licensed under this article may operate on a sidewalk or street area where a license for the commercial use of such property has been granted by the city to an abutting owner pursuant to said statutes, except as may be provided in the lease.
- (c) If the city has granted a license to an abutting owner for commercial use of property under the general statutes cited hereinbefore, a vendor operating only on a sidewalk or street area of said property is not required to obtain a license under this article as long as the owner authorizes such operation pursuant to the license.



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Office of Legislative Research Research Report

2015-R-0012

VETERANS' BENEFITS

By: Duke Chen, Associate Analyst

ISSUE

What types of benefits does the state provide veterans? This report updates OLR report [2013-R-0478](#).

SUMMARY

State law defines a "veteran" in several ways, with some statutes defining a veteran especially for a particular benefit program. In the absence of a specific definition, eligibility is determined according to a general definition in [CGS § 27-103\(a\)](#). This law defines a veteran as an individual honorably discharged or released under honorable conditions from active duty in the armed forces.

Veterans who served at least 90 cumulative days on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces during a time of war, however, are eligible for a range of benefits not available to those without wartime service.

At a minimum, wartime veterans are eligible for:

1. local property tax exemptions (a reduction of the property's assessed value for tax purposes);
2. education benefits, including tuition waivers at the state's public colleges and universities;
3. financial aid from the Soldiers', Sailors' and Marines' Fund and the veterans' affairs commissioner;
4. employment benefits, including bonus points on initial civil service examinations;
5. retirement credits (for those who were state or municipal employees);
6. motor vehicle registration and license fee exemptions; and
7. other miscellaneous benefits.

All veterans, including those without wartime service, are eligible for miscellaneous benefits, including admission to the Veterans' Home; burial in the state veterans' cemetery; and motor vehicle, employment, and occupational licensing benefits.

Veterans' benefits are not granted automatically. The veteran or his or her qualified dependent must claim them. To make a claim, the applicant must document his or her eligibility. **The most common proof of eligibility is the Department of Defense document, DD 214, which must indicate an honorable discharge.** (All military services have used DD 214s since January 1, 1950, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs (<http://www.dd214.us/>); before then, similar documents were called a "Report of Separation" and a "Certificate of Service.")

The National Archive's website states that "most veterans and their next-of-kin can obtain free copies of their DD Form 214 [or the applicable separation document] and records several ways," and provides a link to do so:
<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/index.html>.

Veterans are eligible for state benefits, regardless of their discharge classification, if they were or would have been denied such benefits solely because of sexual orientation because of any current or former federal policy prohibiting homosexual personnel from serving in the military ([CGS §27-102q](#)).

A veteran's surviving spouse or dependent children are eligible for some benefits to which the deceased veteran was eligible.

For further information on programs and eligibility requirements, veterans may contact the state Veterans' Department Office of Advocacy and Assistance at 860-616-3683 and visit the Veterans' Department website: www.ct.gov/ctva/.

VETERANS' BENEFITS

To qualify for some benefits, war service is required. Other benefits are available to all veterans honorably discharged from active-duty service, irrespective of whether they served during wartime.

WAR SERVICE BENEFITS

To be eligible for these, a veteran must have at least 90 days cumulative wartime service during or in specified wars, operations, or conflicts unless he or she was separated from service sooner because of a Veterans' Administration (VA)-rated, service-connected disability or he or she served for the duration of any military operation that lasted for less than 90 days.