ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION

Unpermitted Sidewalk Food Vending

Know the Rules

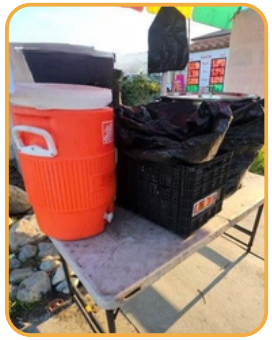
Operating a Food Cart without a Public Health Permit is a Violation



Violation is subject to **citation** in the amount of **3x the permit cost!** (Based on type of operation).

Operating from an Ice Cooler is NOT ALLOWED





Unpermitted vendors do not have restrooms, sinks, or refrigerators, leading to unsanitary conditions and a higher risk of contamination and foodborne illness.

Did you know you can get a permit?

Available Options for Permitting

▶ Compact Mobile Food Operation (CMFO)



A CMFO permit allow individuals to operate a mobile food business and sell food from the sidewalk. It can only operate from:

- **A non-motorized vehicles like a pushcart**
- **A stand, showcase, rack, display that is 25 square feet or less:** *this option is only allowed to sell prepackaged, non-potentially hazardous foods, such as commercially packaged chips, soda, un-cut fruits/vegetables*

Learn more at ph.lacounty.gov/CMFO or scan the QR code

▶ Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operation (MEHKO)



MEHKOs are small restaurants in a private home:

- Operator must live at the home and manage operations.
- Food must be prepared, cooked, and served on the same day, sold on-site, by delivery, or from permitted CMFO carts.
- Limited to 30 meals per day/ 90 meals per week; annual sales cap of $100,000 (may increase with CMFO).

Learn more at ph.lacounty.gov/MEHKO or scan the QR code

You may be eligible for a free food cart. To learn more, visit:

- *opportunity.lacounty.gov/sidewalkvendingcarts*
- *ewdd.lacity.gov/index.php/business/sidewalk-vending*

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