# Mobile Food Vending: Required Permits and Approvals

## Sidewalk Vending Unit in the Public Right of Way (ROW)
- **Description:** A mobile sidewalk food vending unit (push cart) that locates on the public sidewalk.
- **Approvals/Permits Required:**
  - [ ] Clark County Health Permit - Fee varies
  - [ ] City Business License - $125 + Surcharge per year (unless exempt)
  - [ ] City Food Vendor’s License - $25
  - [ ] City Street Use Permit - $25

*Note: Washington State Department of Labor & Industries approval is not required for push carts*

## Mobile Food Unit in the Public Right of Way (ROW)
- **Description:** A mobile food vending unit (truck/trailer) that locates in the public right of way.
- **Approvals/Permits Required:**
  - [ ] State Department of Labor & Industries Approval - $128.40
  - [ ] Clark County Health Permit - Fee varies
  - [ ] City Business License - $125 + Surcharge per year (unless exempt)
  - [ ] City Food Vendor’s License - $25
  - [ ] City Street Use Permit - $25
  - [ ] City Parking Services Food Cart Pilot Project Permit for on-street parking approval - $75 per space per month.

## Mobile Food Unit on Private Property - Temporary
- **Description:** A mobile food vending unit (cart or truck/trailer) that locates on private property and leaves the site daily.
- **Approvals/Permits Required:**
  - [ ] State Department of Labor & Industries Approval - $128.40
  - [ ] Clark County Health Permit - Fee varies
  - [ ] City Business License - $125 + Surcharge per year (unless exempt)
  - [ ] City Food Vendor’s License - $25

## Mobile Food Unit on Private Property - Permanent
- **Description:** A mobile food vending unit (cart or truck/trailer) that locates on private property and does not leave the site daily.
- **Approvals/Permits Required:**
  - [ ] State Department of Labor & Industries Approval - $128.40
  - [ ] Clark County Health Permit - Fee varies
  - [ ] City Business License - $125 + Surcharge per year (unless exempt)
  - [ ] City Food Vendor’s License - $25
  - [ ] City Parks Special Event Space Food Cart Permit - $75 per space per month.

## Mobile Food Unit in Parks - Special Event Spaces
- **Description:** A mobile food vending unit (truck/trailer) that locates in Esther Short Park or the Sculpture Garden at 9th and Broadway.
- **Approvals/Permits Required:**
  - [ ] State Department of Labor & Industries Approval - $128.40
  - [ ] Clark County Health Permit - Fee varies
  - [ ] City Business License - $125 + Surcharge per year (unless exempt)
  - [ ] City Food Vendor’s License - $25
  - [ ] City Parks Special Event Space Food Cart Permit - $75 per space per month.

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Questions about required approvals and permits and the process for getting licensed? Contact Kristian Corbin at - (360) 487-7818, [Kristian.corbin@cityofvancouver.us](mailto:Kristian.corbin@cityofvancouver.us)
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<td>☐ Cannot obstruct pedestrian traffic - street use permit requires 5’ clear space for pedestrian and ADA access</td>
<td>☐ No use of ADA parking spaces</td>
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<td>☐ Must meet on-site ADA standards to each cart</td>
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**Staff & Department Contact Information**

City of Vancouver, Permit Center  
(360) 487-7800, permitcenter@cityofvancouver.us  
http://www.cityofvancouver.us/ced/page/building-and-permitting-services

City of Vancouver, Economic Development  
(360) 487-7947  
http://www.cityofvancouver.us/ced/page/doing-business-vancouver

City of Vancouver, Land Use Planning  
(360) 487-7803  
http://www.cityofvancouver.us/ced/page/land-use-planning

City of Vancouver Business and Special Licenses  
http://www.cityofvancouver.us/fms/page/business-and-special-licenses

City of Vancouver Mobile Vending webpage  
http://www.cityofvancouver.us/ced/page/mobile-food-vending

Clark County Public Health, Food Establishment Inspections and Permits  
(360) 397-8001  