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City of San Diego Grants Permits Under New Sidewalk Vending Ordinance

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS HELPING EDUCATE VENDORS ABOUT APPLICATION PROCESS; ORDINANCE TAKES EFFECT JUNE 22

SAN DIEGO – The City of San Diego has started issuing permits for sidewalk vending under new regulations that take effect this week aimed at protecting public health and safety. The City's Sidewalk Vending Ordinance, which begins tomorrow, June 22, sets limits on vending activities within the public right of way.

The San Diego City Council voted to approve the [ordinance](#) earlier this year, bringing San Diego into compliance with SB 946, a California law that decriminalized sidewalk vending statewide and set parameters on how cities could impose regulations.

"I am happy to see the Sidewalk Vendor Ordinance that I created with the support of my Council colleagues go into effect," said Councilmember Jennifer Campbell, who represents District 2. "San Diego has long awaited these regulations that will bring vendors into the formal economy and ensure access to San Diego's public spaces for all."

Vendors who currently participate in street and sidewalk vending within the City of San Diego will be required to obtain permits in order to continue operating. Food vendors are also required to obtain a San Diego County Health Permit and Food Handler Card. More information about the permits and the application process is available on the City's sidewalk vending [webpage](#).

The City has been working collaboratively with community-based organizations to provide outreach and education to vendors who are seeking to comply with the new ordinance. Educational materials, including a [City of San Diego Guide to Sidewalk Vending](#), are available and will be provided in multiple languages.

"Our partnership with the Logan Heights and City Heights Community Development corporations (CDCs) have been most valuable during this time of transition for the vendor community," said Elizabeth Studebaker, Assistant Deputy Director for the City's Economic Development Department. "Due to the City's longtime and valued relationship with both CDCs, we are confident

in their ability to expand this important work with support of the Promotoras and the COOK Alliance.”

Over the past few weeks, in-person workshops for vendors have been hosted by the Logan Heights Community Development Corporation to present detailed information and guidance related to the new requirements in both English and Spanish. City and County staff have attended each workshop to answer individual questions and provide technical assistance for vendors. Applications are [available online](#) and will be processed by appointment only through the City Treasurer’s Office.

The California State Coastal Commission is expected to review the Sidewalk Vending Ordinance in the coming months. To view a map of vending locations and review frequently asked questions about the new regulations, visit sandiego.gov/sidewalk-vending.

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