

Consideration and Introduction of an Ordinance to Amend Section 3.68 of the Manhattan Beach Municipal Code Related to Mobile Vending Businesses

City Council Meeting – October 21, 2025



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Background

- July 15, 2025 - City Council directed staff to agendize an update to the City's Mobile Food Vendor regulations
- September 4, 2025 – PPIC discussed and recommended potential mobile food vending regulations
- California Vehicle Code 22455 authorizes mobile vending on public streets and allows local regulation to facilitate public safety only
- California Constitution authorizes municipalities to regulate public health and welfare



Current Regulations

- Municipal Code Chapter 3.68 regulates mobile food vendor operations only
- City Business License required, but is not a permit
- State Seller's License required to collect sales tax
- CA Code 114315(a) requires food vendors to be within 200 feet of a restroom facility if operating for more than one hour at a location
- LA County Mobile Food Facility Permit required for food trucks



Public Safety Concerns

- Public Health – Unsanitary food preparation, vermin attraction
- Environmental – Illegal dumping, oil and grease disposal, damage to infrastructure
- Safety – Fire hazards, traffic congestion, unsafe parking, pedestrian access, ADA compliance, driver sight distance



Proposed Mobile Vending Business Permit

- Applies to all mobile vendors, not just food vendors
- One year term - similar to sidewalk vending permit
- Better control and oversight of vendor compliance
- Requires proof of State and County permits/approvals
- Requires Liability and Auto Insurance
- Progressive citation fines and revocation after fourth violation, revocation may be appealed
- Business License also required



Operating Requirements

- Prohibitions:
 - Parking lots, bike lanes, parks, non-street areas
 - Within 50/150 feet of controlled/uncontrolled intersections
 - Streets with 5% or greater vertical slope
 - Within 10 feet of special curb zones
 - Within 500 feet of Farmer's Market or Special Permit Zone
 - Within 50 feet of another mobile vendor
 - Within 300 feet of a school between 7AM-5PM on school days
 - On any street with a speed limit of 35 MPH or greater
 - In more than one marked parking space or in diagonal spaces



Operating Requirements

- Operating hours – 8 AM-10 PM except 9AM-6PM in residential areas
- No equipment, accessories, signs or products in public right-of-way
- Food and merchandise must be stored within vending vehicle
- Shall not obstruct free movement of pedestrians (5' minimum path)
- Shall not vend on street side of vehicle (no diagonal spaces)
- Food vendors shall provide trash and recycling receptacle
- Shall display valid County Health and City permits
- Shall not discharge any liquid onto public or private property
- Shall not display animated, flashing or scrolling signs



Public Notification, Outreach, and Comment

- The public has been informed of this agenda item as part of the City's standard meeting notice practices via public bulletin boards, website calendar, and social media.
- Chamber of Commerce
- North Manhattan Beach Business and Professionals Association (NMBBPA)
- Downtown Business and Professionals Association (DBPA)



Recommendation

- A) HEAR PUBLIC TESTIMONY**
- B) DISCUSS ESTABLISHING A PERMIT PROCESS
FOR MOBILE VENDING AND AMENDING
REGULATIONS APPLICABLE THERETO**
- C) INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 25-0011**



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