

Selling items from a vehicle on a public street is allowed in the city of Portland without a permit, subject to all relevant traffic and parking regulations of the Portland City Code. These regulations are described below, and the relevant sections of City Code are on the reverse side.

- Vending from a public street may not occur anywhere within the Central City Plan District (see map below.)
- Outside of the Central City Plan District, vending may not occur within 250 feet of any public library or park grounds, any stadium or grounds while athletic games are being played, school grounds during school hours, or another vendor or commercial establishment offering similar merchandise.
- Vending on a residential block may only occur for 10 minutes at a time. After 10 minutes, the vendor must leave that block face for at least 2 hours before returning.
- A vehicle used to conduct business may not be left unattended for more than 30 minutes, and may not be parked or stored overnight on any public street or grounds.
- At the discretion of the Police Bureau, if traffic is or will become congested in or around an area being used by a vendor, the police are authorized to require a vendor to move.

It is important to distinguish these requirements for vending from a vehicle on a street from vending on a sidewalk. Vending on a public sidewalk may only be done with a Sidewalk Vending Cart permit, which is issued to a specific location. Mobile or roving vending on a public sidewalk is prohibited.



14A.50.040 Conducting Business on City Property or Public Rights of Way

It shall be unlawful for any person to sell or attempt to sell any merchandise or services in or upon any sidewalk, street, alley, lane, public right of way, or under any bridgeway or viaduct:

A. Within the Central City Plan District;

B. With 250 feet of any:

1. Public library grounds;
2. Public park grounds without a permit from the Bureau of Parks and Recreation;
3. Grounds or stadium while athletic games are being played;
4. Public or private school grounds during the hours of regular school classes or sessions;
5. Vendor already parked or stopped, or any commercial establishment, while open, if the other vendor or establishment offers similar merchandise; unless specifically authorized by ordinance, permit, or other valid City approval. Possession of a valid City business license does not constitute "other valid City approval" within the meaning of this Section.

16.20.120 Prohibited Parking or Stopping of a Vehicle

Except when specifically directed by authority of this Title or when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, it is unlawful to park or stop a vehicle:

I. When the vehicle is: a truck, truck trailer, motor bus, recreational vehicle, utility trailer, drop box or storage container, or has two or more rear axles in the public right-of-way adjacent to or directly across from commercial or industrial property, except:

1. Between the hours of 6 a.m. and 4 p.m. for a period not to exceed 4 hours; or
2. Between the hours of 4 p.m. and 6 a.m. when adjacent to a business or industry normally operating a regular work shift during these hours while loading/unloading a vehicle in conjunction with the operation of this business for a period not to exceed 2 hours.

16.20.150 Prohibited Practices

No person may park or permit to be parked a vehicle on a street or other public property for the principal purpose of:

A. Displaying the vehicle for sale;

B. Repairing or servicing the vehicle, except while making repairs necessitated by an emergency for a period not to exceed 8 hours or as allowed for recreational vehicles in 16.20.120(H2);

C. Displaying advertising from the vehicle; or

D. Selling merchandise from the vehicle, except when authorized by permit or City Code. See also: 14A.50.030, 14A.50.050, 16.60.100 F., 16.70.550, 17.25, 17.26.

16.70.550 Vendor Traffic Regulations

A. It is unlawful for any:

1. Vehicle, cart, or temporary stand used to conduct business to be left unattended for 30 or more minutes or parked or stored over night on any public grounds, street, or highway. See also: 14A.50.030, 14A.50.040, 14A.50.050, 16.20.150 D., 16.60.100 F., 17.25, 17.26.
2. Vendor to conduct business in a roadway adjacent to or directly across from residential property for a period longer than 10 minutes within any block face. Such vendor must vacate said block face for a period of 2 hours upon expiration of the 10-minute limit.

B. Whenever, in the judgment of the Bureau of Police, traffic is or will be congested in and around an area being used by a vendor, the Bureau of Police is hereby given authority to cause said vendors to move and remain out of the congested area.