



LOS ANGELES COUNTY
**CONSUMER &
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OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS



SB 946: General Info.

SAFE SIDEWALK VENDING ACT

SB 946 ends criminalization* of sidewalk vending in California and allows local authorities to adopt non-criminal laws to protect public health, safety and welfare.

According to the Act a **sidewalk vendor** is a person who sells food or merchandise on a sidewalk or pedestrian path. It does not apply to food trucks or anything with a motor.

Here is what Local Authorities CAN do:

- Limit hours of operation
- Prohibit stationary sidewalk vending in residential areas.
- Prohibit sidewalk vending near farmers' markets, swap meets, and temporary special permit areas.
- Require sanitary conditions.
- Require vendors to comply with the Americans with Disability Act (for example, vendors cannot block curb ramps).
- Require a permit or license.
- Request certain information about the business' operations (name, mailing address, type of sale).

Here is what Local Authorities CAN'T do:

- Require sidewalk vendors to operate in a specific area, unless the local authority is restricting vending to protect the community's health, safety, or welfare.
- Require vendors to ask permission from businesses or anyone besides the government.
- Prohibit sidewalk vendors from operating in public parks, unless the park has a concession agreement, or the park is restricting vending in to protect the community's health, safety, or welfare.
- Restrict the number of sidewalk vendors, unless the city or county must restrict the number of vendors to protect the community's health, safety, or welfare.

Cities can create their own laws for sidewalk vendors. A vendor must comply with the laws at the city, county and state level.

If you have a misdemeanor or infraction conviction for sidewalk vending, you may submit a petition to the trial court to request that the criminal conviction be dismissed.



**FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT SB 946 OR OTHER
SIDEWALK VENDING LAWS**

Please email sidewalkvending@dcba.lacounty.gov