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Roadside Vendors



Hillsborough County's Land Development Code regulates the operation of all temporary vendors within the unincorporated areas of Hillsborough County. These regulations apply to any temporary vendor, but the most common types of vendors are fireworks sales, the sale of holiday related products, and food vendors. The regulations being discussed here do not apply to "agricultural" stands that are located in agricultural or commercial zones. These stands are regulated elsewhere in the Land Development Code and are limited to the sale of legumes in the shell (parched, roasted or boiled), fresh fruits and vegetables, unprocessed agricultural products, plants, flowers and trees.

Q Can they set up in the Public Right-of-Way?

No. The only commercial activity permitted in a public right-of-way is the sale of immediately consumable prepared food products, such as ice cream and non-alcoholic beverages, from a mobile vendor vehicle. Sales are to be oriented to pedestrians, not motorists, and the vehicle is to keep moving except for the purpose of making a sale and normal traffic operation considerations.



Q What kind of signage can a temporary vendor display?

Where a vehicle/cart is used, signage is restricted to a total of 12 square feet, permanently attached or painted on the vehicle/cart. In the case when no vehicle/cart is used, one banner with a total of 12 square feet is allowed. A sign permit shall not be required; except for the banner sign, no other free standing signs of any kind are permitted.

Q Is there a permit required to operate as a temporary vendor?

Yes. In addition to the State required occupational license, temporary vendors must obtain a vendor permit from Hillsborough County's Planning and Growth Management Department. Additionally, any vendor selling items other than legumes in the shell (parched, roasted or boiled) and fresh fruits and vegetables are required to obtain a food permit from the Florida Department of Agriculture. Permits are also required for any structures built, electrical or plumbing connections, or tents.



Q Can I remain anonymous when registering a complaint?

Yes. Hillsborough County does not require that you provide any personal identifying information when registering your complaint. It should be noted that any information provided to the department, including names, phone numbers, or email addresses, are subject to the Public Record Laws of the State of Florida and must be provided to anyone who requests the information. If you wish to remain completely anonymous, do not provide any of this information to the department when registering the complaint.

Q What do I do if I've received a notice of violation from Code Enforcement?

If you have any questions about what is required of you to achieve compliance with Hillsborough County's Codes, please contact the Investigator assigned to your case. The investigator's name is listed at the bottom of the notice you received. The goal of Code Enforcement is to preserve the quality and value of public and private property, and maintain a high standard of living by eliminating conditions that threaten the life, health, safety, and general welfare of the public. The department recognizes that this goal is most effectively achieved through the education of, and cooperation with, the citizens of Hillsborough County.



Suspected violations can be reported in several ways:

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Tampa, FL 33619 Ruskin, FL 33570
- (813) 274-6600 • www.hillsboroughcounty.org
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