



Community Development Department

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Thank you for your inquiry regarding your desire to establish a Mobile Vending or Beach Vending business in the City of Destin. Below you will find information on how the City regulates them, and where or when you can operate either. It is important to note that the City *prohibits* any commercial operations/activities within its parks and any adjacent beaches of City parks.

1. ***Mobile Vendors:*** *A person who is in the business of selling food, beverages, flowers or other merchandise or services from a vehicle, except, however, that the provisions of this ordinance shall not apply to mobile caterers, generally defined as a person engaged in the business of transporting, in motor vehicles, food, beverages, or service equipment to residential, business and industrial establishments pursuant to prearranged schedules, and dispensing from the vehicles the items or services at retail, for the convenience of the personnel of such establishments. City Code of Ordinances Sec. 13-160.*

First, if your establishment meets the above definition, then the City does not require any permits to establish a mobile vending operation within the City. However, if required, you must have all the appropriate State and/or County level approvals. YOU will need to reach out to the State of Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulations (FDBPR) and Okaloosa County for their respective requirements; the City cannot answer what these would be.

Second, Mobile Vendors are allowed to operate in some regions of the City, as depicted on the attached map. The Green Areas represent where Mobile Vendors can operate for 72 hours or more (long-term). The Yellowish Areas represent where Mobile Vendors can operate for 72 hours or less (short-term). You must have the property owner's permission to set up.

Third, The City specifically prohibits mobile vending from driving around the City in the traditional "ice cream truck" manner. Mobile vending shall be stationary and in a zoning district that allows such operation.

Fourth, Mobile Vendors shall comply with the regulations in *Section 7.21.00 - Mobile vendors* of the City's Land Development Code. If you have any questions about specific locations, don't hesitate to contact the Planning Division at planning@cityofdestin.com. Please provide the specific address or parcel ID#, or Staff will not be able to assist.

2. ***Beach Vendors:*** *Any person or business enterprise of any type or kind engaged in the rental, leasing, bailment for consideration, or which otherwise provides recreational equipment for remuneration, on beaches located from the tip of the south side of the entrance of the Destin Harbor south and then eastward to the Walton County line.*

First, if you meet the definition of the above definition, then you shall acquire a permit from the Code Compliance Department of the City of Destin.

Second, Beach Vending is limited to providing recreational equipment (passive or active) only to visitors or patrons, as listed in the definition. This means the hawking, soliciting, or similar operations of goods, food, or other wares are prohibited on the beaches of Destin as described.

Third, all approved Beach Vendors shall comply with *Section 11.08.00 - Beach management* of the City's Land Development Code. If you have any questions about specific locations, don't hesitate to contact the Planning Division at planning@cityofdestin.com