



Passed by the California Legislature, Senate Bill SB 946 becomes effective on January 1, 2019. The bill requires all cities and counties in California to allow sidewalk vending as a “by right” business. Local governments, like Monrovia will not be able to enforce their existing regulations.

In response to this, the Monrovia City Council reviewed Ordinance No. 2018-12 on December 18, 2018. The ordinance will be on the January 15, 2019 agenda for their consideration to adopt. If adopted, the regulations will become effective February 14, 2019.

Within the limitations established by state law, Monrovia’s ordinance focuses on three areas of regulation and establishes:

1. Requirements for licensing
2. Regulations for operating as a sidewalk vendor
3. Penalties for violation

Under state law, sidewalk vendors can sell food and/or products on their person, from a mobile cart or they can set up a stationary stand on a City sidewalk or in a City park. Stationary stands must be removed every day.

Operation Requirements

- In residential neighborhoods, vendors can operate between the hours of 7 AM and 7 PM during the week and 9 AM and 6 PM on weekends and holidays. Stationary vendors are not permitted in residential areas.
- In commercial/industrial areas, vendors can operate during hours that are consistent with other business in the area.
- No vending is permitted in Canyon Park, the Hillside Wilderness Preserve or City parking lots.
- Sidewalk vendors cannot operate within 500 feet of any event operating with a City issued permit. This includes the Friday Night Family Festival, Monrovia Days, and other permitted events.
- Sidewalk vendors must also maintain certain distance requirements from schools, intersections, driveways, etc.
- Sidewalk vendors are responsible for proper trash disposal and maintain adequate clearance for people with disabilities.

Licensing requirements

In order to receive a Monrovia business license, sidewalk vendors must provide the following:

- A valid Los Angeles County Department of Health Permit (if selling food)
- A California seller’s permit
- Current liability insurance

Violations

- The City may issue a citation to a licensed vendor that violates the ordinance or to a vendor that is operating without a City license. The fines range from \$100 - \$1,000 depending on the offense and the frequency of violation (e.g. first violation vs. third).