

FAQ's

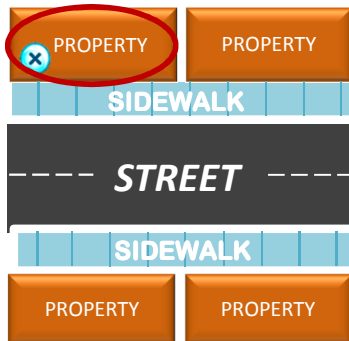
MOBILE VENDING (MV) LICENSE

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licensing information | application process/steps | rules | requirements | restrictions | & more...

Location matters

Licensing requirements & vending rules change based on the vending location.



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When is a MV license required?

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- **When ALL of the following are true:**
 - You are selling or giving away items
 - You are located on property outside (for example: on a parking lot)
 - You are selling or giving away items for more than 30 minutes at the same location

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Can I sell or give away items on property outside without a MV license?

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- **Yes - Only in the following cases:**
 - If you visit multiple properties and only sell or give away items for 30 minutes or less, per property, per day; OR
 - If you exclusively give away water; OR
 - If you are selling or giving away items at a licensed Swap Meet.
 - If you obtain one of the following permits from the Planning & Development Department instead:
 - Temporary Administrative Permit
 - Farmers Market Permit
 - Community Garden Permit
 - Promotional Event Permit

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Do I need a MV license if I am only giving items away on property outside?

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- **Yes - you need a MV license when all of the following are true:**
 - You are selling or giving away items
 - You are located on property outside (for example: on a parking lot)
 - You are selling or giving away items for more than 30 minutes at the same location

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Do I need a MV license if I am a non-profit organization?

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- **Yes -** Any person (corporation, firm, partnership, association, organization, [or] limited liability company, as well as any individual) selling or giving away items on property outside for more than 30 minutes requires a MV license.

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Can I get a MV license and use it to sell in the street?

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- **No -** Street Vending rules/requirements apply to people and businesses selling items in the street. For Street Vending license information, contact License Services OR go to Vending Section of the License Services web site.
- MV licenses only apply to persons/businesses selling or giving away items on property.

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Can more than one MV licenses be issued for the same location?

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- **No -** There is a distance requirement: One licensed mobile vendor can not be within 1,320 feet of another licensed mobile vendor on the same side of the street. Therefore, there can not be more than one mobile vending license issued for any one location.

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I own a food truck. Can I use a MV license to sell food at different locations (on property and/or on the street) and with other food trucks?

A

- **No -** MV licenses are only issued to one person/business, for one specific location (property) and does not allow for one MV to be within 1,320 feet of another MV on the same side of the street.
- Reference the 2nd question above (top row) to see if you possibly qualify under any of the cases listed which allow a person/business to operate without a MV license.

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Can I sell secondhand items under a MV license?

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- **No -** Persons/businesses that want to sell secondhand items must obtain a Secondhand Dealers license.
- For Secondhand Dealer license information, contact License Services OR go to Vending Section of the License Services web site.

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Can I get a MV license and then use it at several different locations/properties?

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- **No -** MV licenses are issued to a specific business/owner for a specific location and can not be used by a different business/owner or at another location.

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What do I need to get a MV license?

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- Locate a property that is zoned A-1, A-2 or C-3. (You can check a property's zoning by calling 602-262-7131 #6)
- Request a courtesy pre-application on-site inspection. Contact the Neighborhood Services Department at: 602-534-4444
- Obtain the property owner's permission to conduct mobile vending at the location.
- Once you find a suitable location, contact License Services OR go to Vending Section of the License Services web site for detailed information about the MV application requirements and process.

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How long does it take to obtain a MV license?

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- The overall application processing time is 90 days. This includes:
 - The application and other required documents are submitted to License Services.
 - Fingerprints are forwarded by License Services to the AZ Department of Public Safety for a background check.
 - License Services sends the application to the Phoenix Police Dept. and Neighborhood Services Dept. for review and recommendation.
 - License Services approves or denies the application.

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Who does enforcement of MV licenses?

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- The City of Phoenix Neighborhood Services Department conducts inspections of MV sites and responds to complaints related to alleged infractions of the Mobile Vending Ordinance (Chapter 10) or the Zoning Ordinance.
- Neighborhood Services may be contacted by phone at: 602-534-4444 or by email at blight@phoenix.gov.
- For questions about whether a person/business has a license or not, or for questions about the licensing process, please contact License Services by phone at: 602-262-4638 or by email at: licenseservices@phoenix.gov.

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I lease/own a property, can I do/allow mobile vending outside without a MV license?

A

- **No -** Any person (corporation, firm, partnership, association, organization, [or] limited liability company, as well as any individual) selling or giving away items on property outside for more than 30 minutes requires a MV license.

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I want to be part of an event - selling/ giving away items outside on property.

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- You must obtain a MV license for that location; OR
- You must fall under one of the following:
 - Visit multiple properties and only sell or give away items for 30 minutes or less, per property, per day; OR
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