

Guidelines for mobile street vending

Generally

The City of Copenhagen allows mobile street vending (rounds) from small wagons such as Christiania bikes, carrier bikes and coffee scooter trucks (about 2 m²) on public roads and in parks owned by The City of Copenhagen with the exception of:

- Strøget, Kongens Nytorv, Købmagergade, Fiolstræde, Kultorget
- The pedestrian area in Frederiksborggade, Nørreport Station, Nyhavn.
- The harbour park at Islands Brygge and Svanemøllestranden.
- Valby Park – at least 100 metres distance to Café Rosenhaven.
- The area surrounding the Little Mermaid in Langelinieparken.

Mobile street vending at Strøget, Kongens Nytorv, Købmagergade, Fiolstræde, Kultorget, the pedestrian area in Frederiksborggade, Nørreport Station, Nyhavn, The harbour park at Islands Brygge and Svanemøllestranden require special permission.

If the City of Copenhagen finds congestion problems in locations other than the above mentioned, these locations may be included in the areas requiring special permits.

The permit should be kept at all times, and the sticker should be placed in a prominent place on – for example on the side of the bike / wagon. If the rules are not observed, the permit can be withdrawn.

The permit can not be transferred to others, and it is associated with the specific bike / wagon it has been authorized to

Positioning

Street vending must never interfere with traffic or obstructs free passage of the public like for instance:

- Force pedestrians, including persons with prams, walking frames, wheelchairs or similar to enter the road or cycle path.
- Force cyclists onto the road.
- Interfere with the traffic area or be set up in a way that reduces access to monuments, shops, restaurants or display windows, etc.
- Obstruct walking lines for the visually impaired.
- For street vending at locations such as parking lots or in parks that are not owned by The City of Copenhagen, permission must be sought from the landowner.
- Motorised vehicles are not permitted in parks.

Appearance and cleanliness

- No signs, umbrellas, chairs, torches, baskets or other loose equipment may be set up on the ground.
- Candles and other naked flames are permitted only if shielded, for example in lanterns.
- Umbrellas, etc. attached to the vehicle must be set up so that the lower edge of the umbrella is no less than 220 cm above the ground.
- No music or shouting is permitted.
- Vendors must clear up after themselves and their customers. This includes collecting waste and ensuring it is removed. Waste may not be thrown in the municipal waste bins.

Termination and obligations

During events, mobile street vending may take place only on agreement with the event organiser. Without warning, vendors must always move when asked to do so because the area is needed for other purposes, for example events, outdoor restaurant serving, stalls, roadwork, cleaning, etc.

Vendors must without delay comply with all instructions from the police or from The City of Copenhagen.

The City of Copenhagen can after giving notice fully or partially withdraw a permit, and also change the terms, if it is considered necessary due to traffic, or for maintaining the other functions of the road area such as recreational areas and shop forecourts.

The administration may also impose restrictions regarding for example specific places that can be used for mobile street vending, the number of street vendors and density of street trading

The administration can after giving notice withdraw the permit in case of repeated violations of the terms of the license, or if specific unexpected circumstances make it necessary.

Special guidelines for registered vehicles / large vehicles

In addition to the general guidelines for mobile street vending in The City of Copenhagen, the following additional guidelines apply to large vehicles:

- Street vending from registered vehicles / large vehicles is not permitted in Latinerkvarteret of the Inner City (within the area bounded by Strøget, Nørregade, Nørre Voldgade and Vester Voldgade).
- You have to pay a parking fee on parking spaces where this is applicable.
- Parking and trading is not permitted on squares, pavements, pitches, etc.
- Vehicles must always be legally parked in accordance with the Danish Road Traffic Act.
- Your sales area must not be onto the road or the cycle path.

Other laws and authorities

Business operations from mobile sales vehicles must follow existing laws, rules and guidelines for this type of business, including opening hours. The owner is responsible for familiarizing himself with these, and for obtaining necessary permits, etc. More information at www.kk.dk/erhverv and www.startvaekst.dk.

If you sell / prepare food you need a trading licence, and vehicles / stalls for selling fish, cheeses, ice cream, etc. or for preparation of food must be approved by the Danish Veterinary and Food Administration (Fødevareregion København).