# **Code Enforcement**

#### Mission:

To provide fair, sensitive, and timely responses to the concerns of the residents of Hawaiian Gardens in order to maintain and enhance the health, safety, and welfare of the community.

The Code Enforcement Division responds to complaints from citizens and other agencies regarding the enforcement of all Municipal Code regulations and Ordinances within the City of Hawaiian Gardens.

To help facilitate compliance with the City's standards, the City Council has initiated a program to help provide residents with an understanding of the Hawaiian Gardens Municipal Code as it relates to some of the more common code enforcement issues.

Other brochures in the series discuss the following issues:

- Abandoned Vehicles
- Bulky Items, Illegal Dumping
- Canopies/Small Tents and Tarps
  - Graffiti
- Trash and Debris

# **Pride and Responsibility**

It is the City's goal to achieve voluntary compliance. We encourage tenants and property owners to take pride and responsibility in maintaining their properties.

If you have any questions regarding this issue or would like to report a problem with vendor and peddlers or other code enforcement issue in your neighborhood, please call the City of Hawaiian Gardens Code Enforcement Division at (562) 420-2641 Ext. 221/224/277.



Example of a catering truck.

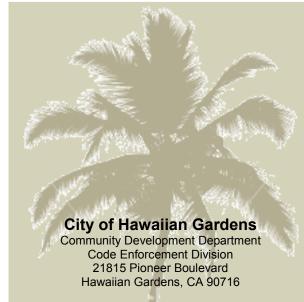


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# Vendors and Peddlers

Understanding Code Enforcement General Guidelines





## **License and Permit Required**

In order for a person to start work as a vendor, solicitor, or peddler in the City of Hawaiian Gardens they must first have a valid business license issued by the City. In addition to obtaining and maintaining a valid business license, a permit to operate as a vendor, peddler, or solicitor must be obtained for each vehicle and person that will be operating under the business license. As part of the permit process, the Sheriff's Department will require that the applicant have their picture and fingerprints taken in order to conduct a background check. Business licenses and permits must be renewed every year!

### **Additional Requirements**

In addition to acquiring a business license and permit from the City of Hawaiian Gardens, vendors, peddlers, and solicitors must also abide by the following:

- If offering food items for sale which require a health permit, a copy of the valid health permit must be presented when applying for a business license.
- All equipment shall be kept and maintained in a neat, clean, and safe condition.
- Each vehicle must have a small trash container (min. size 1 cubic foot) to dispose of all trash and refuse generated by their sales.
- Each vehicle must display, in plain view, all required permits at all times.
- Activities shall be conducted in a manner that does not disturb, harass, badger, annoy, or accost any persons.
- Vehicles shall not be placed in any areas which creates an obstruction to the normal flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic, this includes within 10 feet of any intersection, driveway, or building entrance.
- Signs used in conjunction with a vehicle shall be affixed or painted on the vehicle.

#### Hours of Operation:

Standard Time: 9:00 AM-6:00 PM
Daylight Savings Time: 9:00 AM-8:00 PM

- No vending, peddling, or soliciting from a vehicle shall be permitted for more than two (2) hours at any one location. The next place the vehicle stops shall be at least 200 feet from the prior stop.
- Itinerant restaurants can not remain at the same location for more than one hour and can not return to the same spot more than twice within a 12 hour period.
- No person shall sell any product from a private property without the express written consent of the property owner.
- No sales can take place within 250 feet of any house of worship, public or private schools, day care facility, public park, hospitals, libraries, or governmental offices or facilities.
- Must maintain a distance of 50 feet from any other vendor, peddler, or solicitor.

#### **Violations**

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If at any time a solicitor, peddler, or vendor cannot provide a valid business license or permit issued by the City of Hawaiian Gardens upon request from a Code Enforcement officer or if another regulation has been violated, the officer has the authority to impound the vehicle, and merchandise, and issue any other warnings and Administrative citations as necessary. Impound fees for each vehicle is \$150/day. The vehicle can not be released until proof of ownership is presented and all impound fees are paid.

#### **City Sponsored Events:**

Anyone wishing to solicit, peddle, or vend at a City sponsored event must obtain a special event permit, issued by the sponsoring City department.

# Title 5: Business Taxes, License, and Regulations

Chapter 5.30—Solicitors, Peddlers and Vendors

#### **DEFINITIONS**

**Itinerant restaurant:** a Vending vehicle, public eating place or hawker used to prepare and/or provide hot and cold meals, snacks, or refreshments in a transient manner.

**Peddler:** one who delivers the goods, wares or merchandise at the time of making the sale.

**Solicitor:** a person selling or taking orders or offering to sell or take orders for goods or for services to be performed in the future or for things of value to be delivered in the future, or performing services which require further development, consummation or completion elsewhere than at the place where performed.

**Vehicle:** any motor-driven and/or any nonmotor-driven vehicle including, but not limited to any car, van, truck, wagon, pushcart or bicycle from which food beverage or product my be offered for sale to the public.

**Vending:** offering food, beverage or product of any kind for sale from a vehicle on any sidewalk, street, alley, highway or public place, including movement or standing of a vehicle for the purpose of searching for, obtaining or soliciting retails sales of products.

**Vendor:** any person who sells or offers for sale any goods, wares, or merchandise (including all food and beverage items) other than newspapers, magazines, or other material protected by the First Amendment, in the public right-of-way or on private property, which such products to be sold are transported by, or held on the person, or in the vehicle.