
Revisions to TMC 10.180 Vendor Siting Criteria

City Council Meeting
July 18, 2023



BACKGROUND SUMMARY

- On November 1, 2022, the Tulare City Council asked staff to bring back recommended revisions to Tulare Municipal Code (TMC) 10.180, specifically regarding the distance requirements for permitting sidewalk and stationary mobile vendors from businesses that have an active ABC (State Bureau of Alcoholic Beverage Control) license for on-site consumption, and distance from other permitted outdoor vendors.

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO TMC 10.180.070(G)

- Revisions to specify new separation requirements for vendors from businesses with on-site consumption ABC licenses that are open between the hours of 10:00pm – 6:00am, and measuring the separation distance from business door/entrance to the vendor.
- For locations where a business with an on-site consumption ABC license is open past 10:00pm, the sidewalk or stationary mobile food vendor will need to provide on-site security for the parking lot/sidewalk location.
- Sidewalk or stationary mobile food vendor permits will not be granted to operate between 10:00pm – 6:00am if the proposed location of the vendor stand or stationary mobile food vendor is directly adjacent to residential properties.

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO TMC 10.180.070(H)

- Revisions to specify 300 feet separation between stationary sidewalk and stationary mobile vendors is measured from vendor to vendor and not property line to property line.

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO TMC 10.180

- The proposed revisions to the text in TMC 10.180 would allow increased flexibility to potentially allow more vendors to be permitted legally in the City, based on the revised siting criteria, while also maintaining reasonable standards to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the public, and mitigate potential issues created when these outdoor vendors are located near bar and nightclub locations.

ENVIRONMENTAL

- The proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment is exempt from Environmental Review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15061(B)(3).

EXISTING VENDOR PERMITS

- Current Existing Vendor Stands/Sidewalk Vendors with Active Valid Permits = **10**
- Current Existing Stationary Mobile Vendors with Active Valid Permits = **15**

Town & Country/Palm Plaza Shopping Center

Legend

- 132 & 169 feet Between Mobile Vendor & ABC-licensed Businesses
- Existing Businesses
- Ingress/Egress Point
- On-site Alcohol Consumption License
- Potential Food Vendor Trailer Location
- Property Line/Boundary



EXAMPLE LOCATION



RECOMMENDED ACTION

- Pass-to-print an ordinance providing for adoption of revisions to Chapter 10.180 of the Tulare Municipal Code, pertaining to sidewalk & stationary mobile vendor siting requirements.