# Pushcart, Flower Bucket & Other Vending Entrance Requirements

**Authority:**
- Chapter 39, Article I, Section 39-11: Huckstering Prohibited
- Chapter 49, Article XIV: Temporary Occupancy of Public Right-of-Way
  - Division 1, Sec. 49-461 to 470: Generally
  - Division 7, Sec. 49-539 to 548: Vending Devices
  - Division 8, Sec. 49-549 to 549.9: Flower Vending in Central Business District (CBD)
  - Division 9, Sec. 49-550 to 550.9: Flower Vending Outside of CBD

**Purpose of Ordinance:**
The regulation and compliance of Pushcart, Flowercart, and other vending on the Public Right-of-Way (ROW).

**Document Date:**
May 23, 2021

**Permit Types:**
Pushcart, Flowercart, & Other Vendin

**Permit Dates:**
The term of the Public Property Occupancy Permit shall be twelve (12) months and commence on the date of permit issuance.

**Customer Interface:**
Most communication between the City and the customer will be done through Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Permit Operations (DOTI PO).

**Affiliated Departments & Agencies:**
The following departments must be contacted when applying to DOTI PO for a location:

- **ZONING ADMINISTRATION:** 201 West Colfax Ave., 2nd Floor, Denver, CO 80202, 720-865-3000 or 311
- **TREASURY DIVISION – TAXPAYER SERVICES:** 144 West Colfax Avenue, Rm. 100, Denver, CO 80203, 720-865-7075 or 311. Must apply for a Sales Tax and Occupational Tax License.
- **COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE:** 1375 Sherman Street, Denver, CO 80261 303-238-7378. A State Sales Tax License is required.
- **EXCISE & LICENSES:** 201 West Colfax Ave., 2nd Floor, Denver, CO 80202, 720-913-1311 or 311. Apply for Retail Food Mobile License.
- **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH:** 201 West Colfax Avenue, 10th Floor, Denver, CO 80202. Contact Dick Hann at 720-865-5382 or 311. You must obtain a Certificate of Inspection Approval for a Retail Stand-Up Mobile Restaurant License.
- **FIRE DEPARTMENT:** 745 West Colfax Ave. 3rd Floor, Denver, CO 80204, 720-913-3474 or 311. Applicant must have cart inspected for license sign off.
- **16th STREET MALL VENDING:** 511 16th Street, Suite 200, Denver, CO 80202, 303-534-6161. Contact the Downtown Denver Partnership if you are interested in conducting business on the 16th Street Mall.

**Application:**
Applicant must completely fill out the Public Property Occupancy Revocable Permit Application. A $25.00 non-refundable application fee per application submittal is required at time of application submittal.

- Applicant may select up to three (3) locations to be considered for their Pushcart, Flower Cart or other vending devices per application.
- Applications become void 10 business days after permitee receives notification from DOTI PO of application location(s) approval.
- Application packet to be submitted to dotipermitoperations@denvergov.org
### Permit Issuance:
- Applicant must have current pictures of their cart with manufacturer dimensions and design specifications.
- Applicant must have a valid copy of the **Retail Food Mobile License**, which is obtained from the Excise & Licenses Department, if food or drink is sold.
- Applicant must have a valid copy of the Colorado State & City and County of Denver Sales Tax Licenses for all other sales.
- Applicant must provide proof of insurance-see Certificate of Insurance below.

### Certificate of Insurance:
Pursuant to the Denver Revised Municipal Code, Applicant needs to submit to DOTI PO a **Certificate of Insurance** providing coverage for all pushcarts, flower carts/buckets, &/or street furniture in the ROW. Applicant will maintain coverage for the duration of the Permit. Specific coverage should include, but not be limited to, as stated below. Permits will not be issued without the **Certificate of Insurance**. Please have your Insurance Agent include the City and County of Denver as an Additional Insured as follows: Additional Insured: The City and County of Denver, its Officers, Officials, and Employees. The City and County of Denver must also be listed as the Certificate Holder and must be stated as follows: *City and County of Denver, DOTI Permit Operations, 2000 W. Third Ave., Room 107, Denver, CO 80223*
- Applicant must have valid & current Certificate of Insurance with minimum General Liability Limits of: $100,000 Individual Bodily Injury; $300,000 Aggregate Bodily Liability and $50,000 Property Damage OR $300,000 Combined Liability.

**NOTE**: Permittee will advise the City & County of Denver, Department of Transportation & Infrastructure in writing, by email to dotpermitsoperations@denvergov.org a minimum of thirty (30) days in advance of any insurance modification or cancellation.

### Considerations for application:

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<td>Permits shall only be issued in the following Zoned Districts: B-2, B-3, B-4, B-5, B-7, B-8, B-A-2, B-A-3, and B-A-4. (Sec. 49-543.1). Applicant shall confirm prior to submitting Pushcart Permit Application that the proposed permit location conforms to zoning requirements.</td>
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<td>DOTI PO issues pushcart, flower cart, and other vending permits for outside the 16th Street Mall only. The 16th Street Pedestrian and Transit Mall means that portion of 16th Street and an area north and south of 16th Street within fifty (50) feet of 16th Street between the west curb line of Broadway, which is twenty (20) feet east of the west property line of Broadway, and the southeasterly curb line of Wewatta Street, which is sixteen (16) feet west of the east right-of-way line of Wewatta Street. If the requested vending location falls in this area you must contact Downtown Denver Partnership listed on the first page of this entrance requirement.</td>
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<td>No Pushcart, Flower cart, or other vending device is allowed within the Denver Union Station (DUS) Boundaries or the Central Platte Valley (CPV) PUD District. (ZONING)</td>
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<td>No Pushcart, Flower cart, or other vending device is allowed on any street or sidewalk within 300’ of any Park, Parkway, Mountain Park, or other recreational facility.</td>
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<td>Vendors may NOT be within one thousand feet (1,000’) or any public or private, elementary or secondary school.</td>
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<td>All Pushcarts, Flower carts, or other vendors shall not be within two hundred (200) feet of a private establishment offering comparable goods or services located in a fixed premises with a direct entrance on the sidewalk; except as may be permitted under the provisions of section 49-541. The distance from a comparable establishment shall be measured along a continuous sidewalk but not crossing any street.</td>
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### Pushcart Specific Requirements:
- It shall be unlawful for any owner, part owner, shareholder, or person interested directly or indirectly in any permit issued pursuant to this division, to conduct, own, either in whole or in part, or be directly or indirectly interested in more than two (2) permits issued pursuant to this division. (Sec. 49-544.7). For pushcart and vending devices selling food or merchandise, not flower vending nor services. |
- A copy of the current permit must be firmly attached and visible on the pushcart at all times. |
- The permittee shall not conduct business at the location designated on his/her permit when such location is within an area for which the Manager of Department of Transportation & Infrastructure has issued a permit for a street fair, festival, or similar event, under Article XVI, unless the holder of the Special Event Permit furnishes permission in writing. |
- The permit is site specific and cannot be transferred to another business, person or location. The location is owned by the City and County of Denver and cannot be sold or assigned by the Permittee. The ordinance does not allow for ownership or transferring of sites. |
- If a vendor requests a change in location they must submit a new application with fee and meet all requirements. The vendor must also submit in writing a statement giving up their current location. |
- A second vendor may be allowed, selling unrelated products if space exists and other ordinance requirements.
are met.

Pushcarts, Flower carts, &/or other vendors must be placed according to the location specified on the permit. The cart vendor and their customers must keep a minimum of 10 feet of clear sidewalk for pedestrians in the CBD and 5 feet of clear sidewalk in the rest of the City and County of Denver.

The Pushcart, Flower cart, or other vending device shall occupy an area no larger than sixteen (16) square feet (length x width), and shall not exceed three (3) feet in maximum width, excluding wheels, nor six (6) feet in maximum length, including any handle, nor five (5) feet in height, excluding a canopy, umbrella or transparent enclosure. (Sec. 49-545.1).

Other than the permitted vending device, permittee shall not place any other encumbrance on or in the public Right-of-Way in excess of 3 feet in height. No device, stand, box container, or table is allowed, or shall they place any such thing on a sidewalk, roadway, street, or alley except as permitted. (Sec. 49-545.2).

At no time are temporary signs allowed on or in the Public Right-of-Way.

The permittee shall not sell to any person who is standing [or driving] in a street, [alley], highway, or roadway. (Sec. 49-545.8)

The permittee shall not locate a pushcart or other vending device on a public sidewalk within eight (8) feet of an adjacent building or property line. The permittee shall not locate a pushcart or other vending device within ten (10) feet of the extension of any building entranceway or doorway, to the curb line.

The permittee shall not leave their pushcart, flower cart, or other vending device unattended on a public right-of-way or at the location designated on their permit. (Sec. 49-545.12).

Vendors may NOT be in operation between the hours of 12 midnight and 6 a.m.

**CONDUCT OF VENDORS, THEIR EMPLOYEES & OR REPRESENTATIVES:**

Vendors, their employees & or representatives, (VER), shall be courteous to the public, efficient and neat in appearance. VER's will not use foul or vulgar language or act in a loud, boisterous, or otherwise improper or unacceptable manner. VER's shall not engage in open, notorious and/or public disputes, disagreements or conflicts tending to deteriorate the quality of the surroundings or that of their competitors & or businesses.

Obscene communications or gestures, intimidation in any form, threats (direct or indirect) of violence or physical harm, fighting, gambling, illegal activity, being under the influence of alcohol or illegal substances, or carrying of weapons or illegal substances is strictly prohibited. Any violation may result in immediate revocation of your Public Property Occupancy Permit.

**PERMIT RENEWAL PROCEDURES:**

* Permit is renewable yearly and must be renewed no later than ten (10) business days PRIOR TO the expiration date.

* In the event of non-renewal the location permitted will be held for ten (10) business days. If the permit is not renewed during the ten- (10) day “grace period” then the location(s) will be available to the public at the DOTI PO office through dotipermitoperations@denvergov.org.

* All permits must be renewed by the person (permittee) to whom it was issued. A new application and all supporting documents are required for all new and renewal permits.

* A current Certificate of Insurance must be on file before the permit will be renewed.

* A copy of the current Retail Stand Up Business License, Colorado Sales Tax License, Denver Sales Tax License, if required.

* Pictures of the pushcart and manufacturer’s design drawings or measurements must be submitted as part of the application process and shall be updated for any new carts put into service.

**PERMIT CANCELLATION:**

* The Public Property Occupancy Permit is a revocable permit and can be revoked without cause at the discretion of the Manager of DOTI or designee.

* Any location that becomes unsafe or unstable due to construction or safety concerns will be temporarily suspended and a provisional site will be assigned until the original site is again usable.

* All Pushcarts, Flower carts, and other vending devices will be cancelled ten (10) days after cancellation and/or expiration date of the Certificate of Insurance.

* Permit must be renewed within 10 days of expiration date, or permit becomes void, and the permittee must begin the application and permitting process over.

**PUSHCARTS, FLOWERCARTS, AND OTHER VENDING DEVICES ARE SUBJECT TO INSPECTION AT ANY TIME THEY ARE IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY BY THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER, ITS OFFICERS, OFFICIALS, AND EMPLOYEES. PERMIT CAN BE REVOCKED AT ANY TIME IF THE REVISED MUNICIPAL CODE OR REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT ADHERED TO.**

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**Fees:**

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<td>Pushcart Application Fee (New &amp;/or Location Change)</td>
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<td>Flower Vendor Application Fee (New &amp;/or Location Change)</td>
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Permittee is required to make **full** payment for each location upon issuance of permit.
This Certificate is issued as a matter of information only and confers no rights upon the certificate holder other than those provided in the policy. This certificate does not amend, extend or alter the coverage afforded by the policies described herein.

COM panies Affording COVERAGE

INsuRED MUST HAVE NAME OF INDIVIDUAL, COMPANY & ADDRESS

COVERAGE

This certificate supersedes and replaces any previously issued certificate.

This is to certify that policies of insurance described herein have been issued to the insured named herein for the policy period indicated. Notwithstanding any requirement, term or condition of any contract or other document with respect to which the certificate may be issued or may pertain. The insurance afforded by the policies described herein is subject to all the terms, conditions and exclusions of such policies. Limits shown may have been reduced by paid claims.

Company A COMPANY B COMPANY C COMPANY D

Co lori Type of Insurance Policy Number Policy Effective Date (MM/DD/YY) Policy Expiration Date (MM/DD/YY)

General Liability

CommerciaL General Liability

Owners & Contractors

AutoMobile Liability

Any Auto

Scheduled AutoS

Hired AutoS

Non-Owned AutoS

Garage Liability

Any Auto

Exc eSS Liability

Other Than Umbrella Form

Workers Compensation and Employers Liability

The Proprietor/Partners/Executive

Officers are:

Other

Descripti on of Operations/Locations/Vehicle/Special Items (Limits may be subject to deductibles or retentions)

Additional Insured:  The City and County of Denver, its officers, officials, and employees.

Certificate Holder

City and County of Denver

DOTI Permit Operations

2000 W. Third Avenue, Room 107

Denver, CO 80223

CANCELLATION

Should any of the policies described herein be cancelled before the expiration date thereof the insurer affording coverage will mail 30 days written notice to the certificate holder named herein. But failure to mail such notice shall impose no obligation or liability of any kind upon the insurer, its agents or representatives.

Agent’s Signature
## Pushcart, Flower Bucket & Other Vending in the Right-of-Way Application

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**Application for:**
- Pushcart
- Flower Bucket
- Other

Application Fee Amount & Receipt #

List products to be sold:


Label Each Drawing With The Priority Number

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For downtown UNION STATION is North

PRIORITY# _____

COMMENTS:

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AUTHORITY: Article 49-XIV of the Revised Municipal Code

Approved By:______ Title:______ Date:______

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### CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING / DOTI PO USE

**ONLY PUSHCART CHECKLIST**

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<td>300' FROM PARK OR RECREATIONAL FACILITY. It shall be unlawful to offer any goods, services or thing for sale within any park, parkway, mountain park or other recreational facility, or on the streets and sidewalks within three hundred (300) feet of the boundary of the same</td>
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### MISCELLANEOUS CONCERNS / COMMENTS:

- Only one (1) vendor at location
- 5’-0” minimum sidewalk open for pedestrians (minimum 10’-0” in CBD)
- Not obstructing HCR, hydrant, sight triangle, RTD, etc.
- Not obstructing utilities, truck loading, handicap ramps or parking, etc.
- Not obstructing street furniture, signposts, lamp posts, parking meters, bus shelters benches, telephone booths, planters, newsstands or newspaper vending devices, or hotel zones

### SIZE OF CART – NOT MORE THAN 16 SQUARE FEET (length x width)

- MORE THAN 1,000' FROM SCHOOLS. Not within one thousand (1,000) feet of the property line of any public or private, elementary or secondary school
- DOES NOT EXTEND PAST AREA ALLOWED. The Pushcart, Flower cart, or other vending device shall occupy an area no larger than sixteen (16) square feet (length x width), and shall not exceed three (3) feet in maximum width, excluding wheels, nor six (6) feet in maximum length, including any handle, nor five (5) feet in height, excluding a canopy, umbrella or transparent enclosure. (Sec. 49-545.1)

### OUTSIDE COORS FIELD RESTRICTION:

- No Pushcart, Flower cart, or other vending is allowed in the following area surrounding Coors Field: W. Property Line of 19th St., S. Property Line of the Alley between Market & Larimer, E. Property Line of Park Avenue West and the N. Property Line of Wynkoop extended to Park Ave. W. In addition, all of the sidewalk area along 20th St. from the extended Wynkoop ROW to the N. Property Line of Chestnut St. is included in the Enhanced Enforcement Area.

### DENVER UNION STATION RESTRICTION:

- No pushcarts will be allowed in the Denver Union Station area (ZONING)

### CPV MIXED USE PUD:

- No pushcarts will be allowed in the Central Platte Valley mixed use PUD district per ZONING requirements