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CHAPTER 178: OUTDOOR VENDORS**178.01 Purpose**

It is the purpose of this chapter to promote and encourage open air retail environments, while preserving and protecting the health, safety and welfare of citizens by promoting opportunities and regulations for the creation of said exceptions within the City.

(Ord. 5185, 10-7-08)

178.02 Sidewalk Cafes

(A) Public rights-of-way are designed for free and unobstructed travel. However, the City of Fayetteville recognizes that certain developed and developing areas in a traditional town form are unique and that certain public amenities are not inconsistent with the underlying dedication for the public right-of-way, as long as they do not impede travel or interfere with the public safety. This ordinance is designed to encourage pedestrian activity and make the urban environment more attractive.

(B) Sidewalk Café Authorization. The Planning Commission may issue a conditional use permit allowing a sidewalk café on part of a specified sidewalk after the applicant has notified adjoining property owners. In addition to the general conditional use requirements, the Planning Commission shall ensure that no conditional use permit is granted, unless:

- (1) The proposed sidewalk café will not unduly impact or impede the public's ability to travel upon or use the sidewalk and any other affected public right-of-way, including public utility easements.
- (2) Any necessary costs to relocate a utility or widen the existing sidewalk to accommodate the proposed sidewalk café must be paid by the sidewalk café applicant.
- (3) The sidewalk café applicant may be required to post a surety bond or letter of credit sufficient to cover the cost of removing the sidewalk café if necessary for the city or utility company to access pipes, lines, or other facilities.
- (4) The sidewalk café applicant must consent that the city or utility company may remove, without liability or compensation, part or all of the sidewalk café, if necessary, to get access to a utility facility or improvement.

(C) Requirements: Sidewalk cafés shall meet the following requirements in order to be approved:

- (1) Applicants requesting a license must provide a detailed site plan and written description illustrating the type, location and dimensions of all furniture to be placed in the public right-of-way. Sidewalk cafes may not be enclosed by fixed walls or other permanent structures.
- (2) Sidewalk cafes must be open to the air, except that an awning or canopy conforming to requirements established by the Unified Development Code and Building Code may be constructed over the sidewalk café. In order to provide sufficient pedestrian clearance, umbrellas must have 7 feet of free and clear space from the sidewalk surface to the lower edge of the umbrella.
- (3) Property shall be kept clean and free of refuse with no permanent trash containers placed on the premises.
- (4) All furnishings and fixtures must be of a temporary nature and shall be removed from the public right-of-way and stored inside during non-operational times.
- (5) For sidewalk cafes using City right-of-way for operation, there shall be a minimum of five feet or 50% of the total sidewalk width for clearance, whichever is greater, to provide adequate and unobstructed pedestrian movement.
- (6) If at any time the sidewalk café is determined to impede travel or interfere with the public safety, as determined by the Planning Division, the sidewalk cafe shall be removed.
- (7) One A-frame sandwich/menu board is permitted within the sidewalk cafes' border during hours of operation, subject to the applicable regulations in Ch. 174: Signs for the same.

(Ord. 5185, 10-7-08)

178.03 Sidewalk Vendors

(A) *Purpose.* Public rights-of-way are designed for free and unobstructed travel. However, the City of Fayetteville recognizes that certain development patterns with wide sidewalks are unique and that certain public amenities are not inconsistent with the underlying dedication for the public right-of-way, as long as they do not impede travel or interfere with the public safety.

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This ordinance is designed to regulate open air vending of goods on public rights-of-way.

(B) *Sidewalk Vendor Authorization.* The Zoning and Development Administrator may issue a permit for a sidewalk vendor to use a specific sidewalk or plaza location for specified hours to sell specified goods for up to a one year period. In addition to the general use requirements, the Zoning and Development Administrator shall ensure that no permit is granted unless:

- (1) The applicant has obtained all necessary permits from State or County authorities, including any Transient Merchant permit requirements.
- (2) The applicant has submitted a sales and use tax number, sales tax remittance forms and an affidavit that the applicant has fully paid all sales and use taxes during the previous twelve months, if applicable.
- (3) The applicant has filed a HMR tax remittance form with the City of Fayetteville, when applicable.
- (4) The applicant has notified all adjacent property owners, by certified mail, of the application.

(C) *Permit Application.* Each application for a permit to conduct business on a sidewalk shall be accompanied by a \$100 application and permit fee. Permits issued after July 1st shall be accompanied by a \$50 application and permit fee. Each permit will expire at 3 a.m. on January 1st following the year issued. The permit fee shall be collected prior to issuance of the permit

- (1) Application for a sidewalk vendor permit shall include the following items in a format acceptable to the Zoning and Development Administrator:
 - (a) Name, address and contact information.
 - (b) Type of items sold or services rendered.
 - (c) A valid copy of all necessary permits required by State and County health authorities.
 - (d) Proof of application for remittance of HMR tax to the City of Fayetteville.
 - (e) Means to be used in conducting business, including but not limited to, a description of any mobile container or device to be used for transport or to display approved items or services.

- (f) A site plan indicating the location and dimensions of the proposed use and device or pushcart.

- (g) A detailed scale drawing, picture or diagram and material specifications of the device or pushcart to be used.

- (2) The permit issued shall not be transferable in any manner.

- (3) The permit is valid for one sidewalk vending location only.

(D) *Permitted Vending Products and Goods.*

- (1) The City of Fayetteville permits the following types of goods for street vending in approved locations:

- (a) Cut Flowers

- (b) Food and Beverage

- (c) Arts and Crafts: Only objects of art or craft produced and sold by a local artist or craft person may be sold by street vendors.

- (2) All goods being sold from sidewalk vendors shall:

- (a) Be located within the permitted area and be attended at all times. Sidewalk vendors shall not conduct transactions with vehicular traffic located in the right-of-way.

- (b) Not lead to or cause congestion or blocking of pedestrian traffic on the sidewalk.

- (c) Involve a short transaction period to complete the sale or render the service.

- (d) Not cause undue noise or offensive odors.

- (e) Be easily carried by pedestrians.

(E) *Location Requirements.* Sidewalk vendors are permitted in specific locations in Fayetteville as a use by right. These locations have been determined by the City Council to have adequate sidewalk width, pedestrian traffic flow, and they minimize potential conflicts with existing businesses. Sidewalk vendors are not permitted to operate on days / times associated with special events, unless they have been approved and granted a Special Events Permit from the organization coordinating the special event. Maps of approved locations are available in the

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Planning Division. The locations where street vending is allowed as a permitted use are:

- (1) North and West sidewalks in front of the Walton Arts Center. Sidewalk vendors may locate along West Avenue and Dickson St. in front of the Walton Arts Center
- (2) Inside of the Fayetteville Square. Sidewalk vendors may locate along sidewalks on all sides of the interior of the downtown Fayetteville Square. On days / times that the Farmers' Market or other special events operate, sidewalk vendors shall only be permitted if approved through the Farmers' Market or Special Event Permit process.

(F) *Conditional Use Permit.* If an applicant wishes to operate as a sidewalk vendor in a location other than those specifically approved by the City Council, a conditional use permit must be obtained. Upon receipt of a conditional use permit application, the Planning Commission shall review the proposed permit operating area to determine if the said area is suitable for street vending in accordance with this chapter. In making this determination, the Planning Commission shall consider the following criteria:

- (1) The application meets all other criteria established herein for a sidewalk vendor, with the exception that the applicant may request that the cart, and/or operating area, may be larger than the dimension required in this chapter. An increase in cart size or operating area may be considered by the Planning Commission as a variance and does not require conditional use permit review. The determination of a larger cart size and/or operation area shall be subject to the variance criteria in Chapter 156.03(C).
- (2) The number of permits issued for the street vending location shall not exceed the capacity of the area in terms of maintaining the use of the sidewalk as a public right-of-way. The Planning Commission shall consider the width of sidewalk, the proximity and location of existing street furniture, including, but not limited to: signposts, lamp posts, parking meters, bus shelters, benches, phone booths, street trees and newsstands, as well as the presence of bus stops, truck loading zones, or taxi stands to determine whether the proposed use would result in pedestrian or street congestion.

(G) *Requirements.* Sidewalk vendors conducting business on the sidewalks of the City of Fayetteville with a valid permit issued under this Chapter may transport and/or display approved goods upon the approved mobile device or

pushcart, under or subject to the following conditions:

- (1) The operating area shall not exceed 40 square feet of sidewalk, which shall include the area of the mobile device, operator and trash receptacle. The Planning Division will provide a map of approved vendor locations.
- (2) The length of the mobile device or cart shall not exceed 7 feet, including the cart's trailer tongue or hitch that is not removed or collapsible, and any propane tanks or other attachments to the mobile device. The width shall not exceed 4 feet, including the carts wheel wells or tires, and any accessory components of the cart such as retractable or collapsible sinks or shelves.
- (3) The height of the mobile device or pushcart, excluding canopies, umbrellas, or transparent enclosures, shall not exceed 5 feet.
- (4) No permanent hardware shall be affixed to the sidewalk or adjacent buildings.
- (5) Mobile generators are prohibited.
- (6) No sidewalk vendor may conduct business on a sidewalk in any of the following places:
 - (a) Within 10 feet of the intersection of the sidewalk with any other sidewalk. Sidewalk intersections shall be kept clear for pedestrian safety.
 - (b) Within 10 feet of any handicapped parking space, or access ramp.
 - (c) Within 15 feet of a fire hydrant.
 - (d) Within 15 ft. of an entrance to a building.
- (7) Street vending facilities shall be removed from the public right-of-way when not in use. Sidewalk vendors are only allowed to operate between the hours of 5 a.m. and 3 a.m. All carts shall be removed from the public right-of-way during non-operational hours.
- (8) Prior to final approval, Planning Staff shall inspect the sidewalk vendor set up in the proposed location. The applicant shall make an appointment between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in which Planning Staff will inspect the cart and all proposed accessories such as coolers, trash receptacle, chairs, etc. that the applicant is proposing for the site. Upon approval, sidewalk vendors shall display in a

prominent and visible manner the permit issued by the Planning Division.

- (9) The Fire Marshal shall inspect and approve any food and beverage pushcart to assure the conformance of all cooking or heating apparatus with the provisions of the City Fire Code.
- (10) Sidewalk vendors who sell food and beverage are required to be permitted, and receive approval, through the Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services for food related establishments. A copy of the permit issued by the State, and inspected and approved by the Washington County Health Department, shall be supplied to the Planning Division prior to Planning Division approval.
- (11) Sidewalk vendors are required to provide a trash receptacle for public use located within their permitted operating space. All sidewalk vendors must pick up and properly dispose of all paper, cardboard, metal, plastic or other litter in any form (including cigarette butts) within the sidewalk area assigned to the vendor within thirty minutes of the end of daily operations. Failure to completely remove all such litter from the authorized sidewalk location shall constitute a violation of the permit approval.
- (12) No sidewalk vendor shall solicit, berate or make any noise of any kind by vocalization or otherwise, for the purpose of advertising or attracting attention to his wares. No audible amplified music shall be permitted.
- (H) *Signage.* Sidewalk vendors shall obtain a sign permit from the Planning Division prior to the issuance of a permit to operate. Sidewalk vendors are permitted a total of one (1) A-frame sandwich/menu board subject to Ch. 174 Signs regulating these types of signs. The menu board shall list the products and prices for the items being vended. Only products or services available at the vending location shall be displayed.
- (I) *Revocation of the Sidewalk Vendor Permit.* The Zoning and Development Administrator is authorized to revoke a sidewalk vendor's permit if it is determined that a violation of the requirements of the Unified Development Code has occurred.

(Ord. 5185, 10-7-08; Ord. 5321, 5-18-10; Ord. 5459, 11-15-11)

178.04 Outdoor Mobile Vendors Located On Private Property

- (A) *Purpose.* This section's purpose is to facilitate and control the ability of outdoor vendors to temporarily operate on private property while ensuring such use is compatible with and not detrimental to nearby properties, does not adversely affect nearby businesses, fosters an aesthetically appealing streetscape, and does not create or worsen a dangerous traffic condition.
- (B) *Requirements.* Outdoor Mobile Vendors located on private property shall meet the following requirements and submittals prior to approval:
 - (1) *Permit Application.* Each application for a permit to conduct an Outdoor Mobile Vendor business shall be accompanied by a \$50 permit review and processing fee.
 - (2) *Application for a permit to conduct an Outdoor Mobile Vendor business shall include the following items in a format acceptable to the Zoning and Development Administrator:*
 - (a) Name, address and contact information.
 - (b) Type of items sold or services rendered. A change in product or service will require a new permit to be issued.
 - (c) A valid copy of all necessary permits required by State and County health authorities.
 - (d) Proof of application for remittance of HMR tax to the City of Fayetteville.
 - (e) Means to be used in conducting business including but not limited to a description of any mobile device to be used for transport or to display approved items or services.
 - (f) A detailed site plan and written description illustrating the type, location, and dimensions of the mobile vendor business including parking.
 - (g) Written authorization, signed by the property owner or legal representative of record, stating that the transient merchant business is permitted to operate on the subject property.
- (3) The permit issued shall not be transferable in any manner.
- (4) The permit is valid for one mobile vendor location only.

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- (5) The proposed use must be a permitted use-by-right within the underlying zoning district in order to be permitted.
 - (6) An Outdoor Mobile Vendor business may be approved by the Planning Division after making the following determinations:
 - (a) All of the requirements of 178.04(B)(2) have been met.
 - (b) The applicant has established that the operation of the outdoor mobile vendor will be compatible with and not detrimental to nearby properties, will not adversely affect nearby businesses, will foster an aesthetically appealing streetscape and will not create or worsen a dangerous traffic condition.
 - (7) Outdoor mobile vendors are allowed on a temporary basis (90 days), by nature of their temporary occupancy, in one location over a one-year (twelve month) timeframe. Outdoor mobile vendors may move to a different location at least one half mile from the original location after this 90-day period has expired. However, a new Outdoor Mobile Vendor Application will have to be reviewed and approved by the Planning Division for a new location.
 - (8) Outdoor mobile vendors shall be in compliance with parking lot requirements for any existing and the proposed business. The number of required parking spaces is determined by the use and size of the proposed transient merchant business, and by the use and size of the existing business. Parking spaces on the property where the outdoor mobile vendor is located shall be paved and striped in order to be utilized. The use of parking for an out door mobile vendor may not reduce the number of spaces necessary for other uses occurring on the property. An adequate number of parking spaces for the existing businesses and the outdoor mobile vendor must be provided onsite. The location of the outdoor mobile vendor shall not impede traffic flow or create a dangerous traffic condition, as determined by Planning Division upon review of the site plan.
- (C) *Variances.* Outdoor Vendors may request a variance from the Planning Commission to operate for an extended period of time, not to exceed twelve consecutive months, in the same location subject to the following standards:
- (1) A vendor may request a variance from the 90 day location requirement to operate for an extended period of time. The maximum time period that the Planning Commission may grant this variance is limited to no more than twelve consecutive months.
 - (2) The applicant shall comply with the notification requirements of section 157.05 of the Unified Development Code.
 - (3) A variance may be granted by the Planning Commission when the following findings have been met:
 - (a) The applicant has established that the operation of the outdoor mobile vendor will be compatible with and not detrimental to nearby properties, will not adversely affect nearby businesses, will foster an aesthetically appealing streetscape and will not create or worsen a dangerous traffic condition.
 - (b) That the outdoor mobile vendors' presence for an extended period of time at one location will not create an unfair advantage over similar and nearby permanent businesses.
 - (4) In granting the variance, the Planning Commission may require appropriate conditions and safeguards, including semi-permanent or permanent improvements to the property to secure the substantial objectives of the ordinance.
- (Ord. 5185, 10-7-08; Ord. 5425, 8-2-11; Ord. 5498 05-01-12)
- ### 178.05 Transient Merchants
- All transient merchants are subject to regulations and registration under Arkansas state statutes. Any criteria established herein shall not relieve the applicant from meeting applicable criteria relative to transient merchants. "Transient merchant" means any person, firm, corporation, partnership, or other entity that engages in, does, or transacts any temporary or transient business in the state, either in one (1) locality or in traveling from place to place in the state, offering for sale or selling goods, wares, merchandise, or services
- (Ord. 5185, 10-7-08)
- ### 178.06-178.99 Reserved
- (Ord. 5185, 10-7-08)

