## CITY OF PORT LAVACA

**MEETING:** 

**SEPTEMBER 22, 2025** 

AGENDA ITEM

DATE:

09.15.2025

TO:

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM:

DERRICK SMITH, DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR

**SUBJECT:** 

RECOMMEND AMENDING CHAPTER 34 – PEDDLERS,

SOLICITORS, ITINERANT VENDORS, GARAGE SALES AND

MOBILE FOOD UNITS

It was brought to our department's attention that we are a lot more stringent on "Street Vendors" then other sorrounding communities. Our permitting process does not differetiate between a vendor operating a snow cone/ ice cream truck and a door to door salesman. Currently, a street vendor pays \$100 for one person and \$20 each additional person for a 14 day permit.

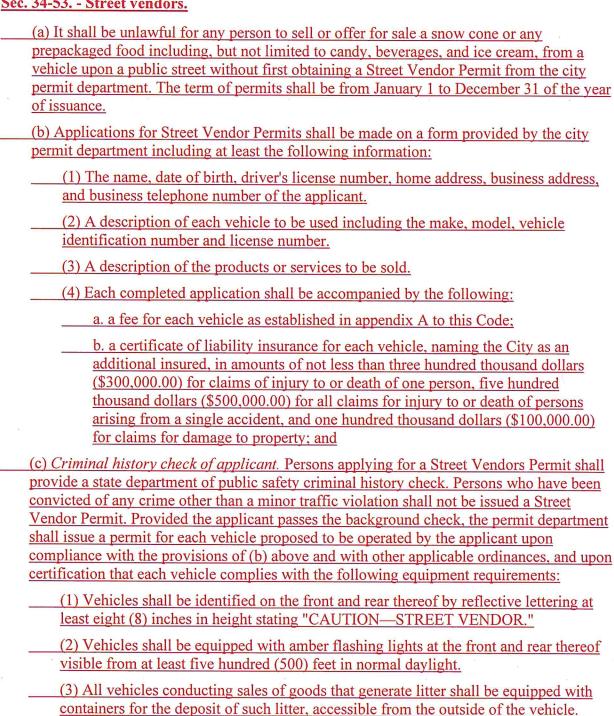
After looking at sorrounding communities, I found that our fees are more than double the cost to operate and that other communities provide an annual permit.

Therefore, it is staff's recommend the attached ammendment to Ch. 34 - PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS, ITINERANT VENDORS, GARAGE SALES AND MOBILE FOOD UNITS.

## CHAPTER 34 - PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS, ITINERANT VENDORS, GARAGE SALES, AND MOBILE FOOD UNITS AND STREET VENDORS

## ARTICLE III. – MOBILE FOOD UNITS VENDORS AND STREET VENDORS

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(4) Audible devices used on vehicles shall not be capable of being heard more than three hundred (300) feet from the vehicle.
(d) It shall be unlawful for any person to sell or offer for sale any goods or services from any street vending vehicle contrary to the following operating requirements:
(1) Vehicles shall pull as far as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway, and shall come to a complete stop, before conducting any sale and during all times when sales are conducted.
(2) All sales from vehicles shall be conducted in such a manner that persons do not enter or leave the sales vehicle in order to conduct sales.
(3) No sales shall be conducted within any of the following areas:
a. Upon any street designated as a collector or an arterial thoroughfare as designated on the adopted thoroughfare master plan.
b. Upon any street within a public park.
(4) Sales from vehicles shall be made only from the curbside of such vehicles.
(5) Amber flashing lights shall be activated each time, and only when a vehicle stops to conduct a sale.
(6) Sales shall be conducted only during the time between thirty (30) minutes before sunrise and thirty (30) minutes after sunset.
(7) No vendor or vending unit shall restrict, obstruct or interfere with the access of any person to or from a private driveway or in any way create an obstruction to adequate access to property.
(8) Vendors shall yield the right-of-way to all other types of traffic and shall not block the reasonable flow of traffic when stopped to conduct sales.
(e) Upon the first conviction of an operator of a permitted vehicle for a violation of the
requirements of (c) or (d) above, the permit of such vehicle shall be suspended for a period of thirty (30) days. Upon the second such conviction, the permit of the vehicle shall be
revoked for the duration of its term.
(f) Each person conducting sales from vehicles upon streets shall comply with applicable
permit or registration requirements of this article, and with applicable health department permit requirements and regulations.