

UNPERMITTED FOOD VENDING UPDATE

JULY 14, 2025

Agenda

Legislative Update – SB 295

Unpermitted Food Vending Trends

Complaint Data

Enforcement/Investigations

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Senate Bill 295 (SB295)

- Expansion of Sidewalk Vending
- Addressed economic barriers to start-up
 - Reduced permitting requirements for certain types of operations
 - Compelled the Health Authority to streamline certain types of food establishments plan reviews
 - Included allowances of food sold to the public being prepared from unpermitted kitchens
 - SNHD opposes unpermitted kitchens serving to the public
 - SB 295 was ultimately vetoed
 - Although it is now not required, SNHD is evaluating the potential to utilize streamlined plan reviews for simplified “boilerplate” plans

Current trends

- SNHD continues to see a lack of interest in sidewalk vending permits – 14 issued in 2 years
 - The most significant barriers to permitting are economic for this population of clients
- Unpermitted sidewalk vending continues to be popular
- Large unpermitted stands with white vans from California continue to be prevalent
- Unpermitted corn, snow cone, cut fruit carts, and produce stands continue to be popular
- Reduction in complaints or reporting of home commissaries

Complaint Data

Number of complaints submitted by the public

July 2024 – June 2025

- 344

July 2023 – June 2024

- 559

SNHD saw a net reduction in complaints last year, despite a steady-state of activity. Citizens may assume that these operations are permitted and have stopped reporting.

Enforcement/Investigations

Coordination for Enforcement Activities and Investigations, as needed with:

- Clark County Business License (can confiscate food per the new ordinance)
- Clark County Code Enforcement
- City of Las Vegas Business License
- City of North Las Vegas Business License
- City of North Las Vegas Code Enforcement
- City of Mesquite Code Enforcement
- Las Vegas Metro Police Department (working on policy to confiscate equipment)



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- Unpermitted vending (UPV) continues to be motivated by economic barriers to legal permitting
- SNHD continues to implement ways to reduce economic barriers
- SNHD continues to conduct weekly routine patrols with and without partner agencies
- Recent ICE activity in the area has not impacted UPV yet
 - Potential to increase UPV due to fear of reporting to authority figures by migrant vendors and those who serve them
- SNHD added 3 Spanish-speaking staff to the UPV enforcement team
- SNHD continues to add information about sidewalk vending to our website and information is available in English and Spanish

Questions?

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