

What is a Mobile Store?

A **Mobile Store** is any vehicle or non-motorized conveyance which is enclosed or semi-enclosed that sells various kinds of goods, wares, foodstuffs, or any other class of merchandise that may be stored or processed and which is capable of being towed or driven from place to place for the purpose of making sales; provided, said terms shall not include vehicles used for delivery purposes only and said definition shall not include any sidewalk vending regulated by Subchapter 4.15 of the Municipal Code.

Examples Include Food Trucks and Ice Cream Trucks.

Mobile Stores need to obtain one of three permits to operate in the Town:

A **Special Event Permit (SEP)** - for one-time events such as street festivals on private property or in the public right-of-way.

A **Tier 1 Temporary Use Permit (Tier 1 TUP)** - for temporary mobile store uses on private property operating for a maximum of five (5) consecutive days within a Commercial Zone.

A **Mobile Store Permit (MSP)** - for permanent or recurring mobile store uses located in the public right-of-way, on public property or private property.

Any Permit obtained must be displayed during operation of the Mobile Store.

A Town of Colma **Business Registration** is required before operation of an approved Mobile Store.

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Guide to Mobile Store Permits



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What Permits Do I need?

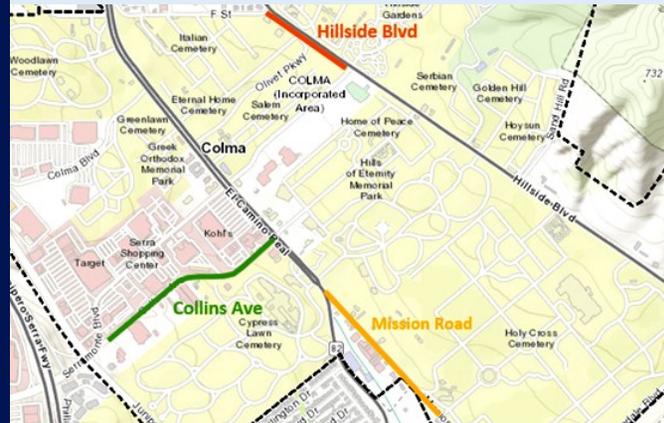
What are the Requirements?

Requirements and Conditions to Operate a Mobile Store

Applicable to all Mobile Stores

- Maintain a valid San Mateo County Health Department permit, if preparing or selling food items.
- Maintain a valid California Seller's Permit.
- The vehicle must be operated in compliance with the California Vehicle Code, the CMC, and with all posted restrictions.
- The vehicle cannot encroach on a sidewalk, curb, bicycle lane, or travel.
- Trash and recycling bins may encroach on the sidewalk as long as a minimum of thirty-six (36) inches of clear sidewalk is maintained.
- Queues must be managed in a way that maintains a minimum of thirty-six (36) inches of clear sidewalk for the passage of pedestrians.
- No portable signage is permitted.
- Area within 15-foot radius of the Mobile store shall be kept in a clean and debris-free condition.
- Ensure that no pollutants or other materials are discharged to the Town's storm drain system.
- Cannot attach to any water lines, electrical lines, or gas lines during operation.
- Follow the Town of Colma's Foodware ordinance contained at CMC 4.13.
- Cannot use amplified sound during operation.

Public Right-of-way



- Mission Road north of Holy Cross Cemetery's Main Stone Entrance
- Collins Avenue, at least 300 feet east of the Serramonte Blvd and Collins Ave intersection
- Hillside Blvd, western street side, from F Street to Serramonte Blvd.

- Operate between 7:00 AM and 9:00 PM every day.
- Limited to a maximum of two hours of operation per day per location.
- Must be parked at least fifteen (15) feet away from a crosswalk and/or driveway entrance.
- Must be parked next to an unobstructed sidewalk of five feet or more.
- Must conduct business from a licensed vehicle or licensed trailer parked in a legal parking space.
- May occupy a second parking space if the Mobile Store is larger than the remaining portion of second spot must be blocked off with safety cones.
- Must have a general liability policy naming the Town as additional insured in the amount of \$2,000,000.00.

Public Property

- Must be Located at a Town-owned property.
- Operate between 8:00 am and 5:00 PM every day.
- Limited to a maximum of two hours of operation per day per location.
- Must conduct business from a licensed vehicle or licensed trailer on a public street while parked in a legal parking space.
- May occupy a second parking space if the Mobile Store is larger than the Standard on-street space provided, (Generally 22 feet in length.) Remaining portion of second spot must be blocked off with safety cones.
- Must provide proof of agreement with the Town to lease the premises.
- Must have a general liability policy naming the Town as additional insured in the amount of \$2,000,000.00.

Private Property

- Cannot be located in a residentially zoned district.
- Operate between 7:00 AM and 9:00 PM every day.
- Cannot obstruct a loading zone, accessible parking space or access ramp, or drive aisle.
- Must provide proof of agreement with the property owner to lease the premises.