



Approved Itinerate Street Vending Ordinance Discussion History

Primary Issues Discussed

- Pedestrian Safety
- Sidewalk Mobility
- Vendor Spacing
- Direct Competition
- Supporting Local Artist

Meetings

- The draft street vendor ordinance was discussed at 3 regular DBDA Board meetings.
- In addition, the DBDA held 5 special meetings to discuss.
- Two meetings had public input.
- Total discussion time was roughly 7 hours.

Public Input

- 10 DBDA Board of Directors were involved in the conversation
- 8 vendors who regularly vend in Downtown Boone were involved
- 7 Downtown business owners added to the conversation
- The Watauga Arts Council Executive Director also weighed in.

Goal

During the discussion, there was general consensus that goal is to propose an ordinance that seeks to add parameters to address concerns, with the least amount of regulation while adding language that gives flexibility in the future to address any other issues that may arise.

Summary of Street Vendor Ordinance for Downtown Boone



Street Vendor Ordinance | July 12, 2023

Introduction

Due to various concerns, including but not limited to pedestrian safety and aesthetic issues, the Downtown Boone Development Association has recommended a street vending ordinance to Town Council that would regulate itinerant street vending on streets or sidewalks in downtown Boone. This ordinance was developed with input from downtown vendors, businesses, and other community partners. **This ordinance would apply to all town-owned property and town-maintained public rights of way, such as sidewalks or streets, in Downtown Boone.** The Ordinance was approved unanimously by Town Council at their July 12, 2023 meeting and **will be effective beginning on July 27, 2023.**

The proposed ordinance would not apply to buskers/performers or private property.

Vending Spaces

This policy applies only within the Municipal Service District in Downtown Boone. **Itinerant street vending will only be allowed at certain sites located on the sidewalk in front of the downtown Post Office.**

Permit Required

To vend downtown, street vendors will need to submit an application to the Town Clerk with contact information, information regarding remitting sales tax, and approval from the NC Dept of Ag or Watauga County Health Department if needed. **Permits will be issued yearly, cost \$100 and must be visible at all times.**

Certain Merchandise Prohibited

The intention of this policy is to avoid sales in the nature of "flea sales" or "yard sales." Vendors may not sell used clothing, personal effects, home furnishings or similar used merchandise.

In addition, Vendors may not cook food, or otherwise prepare food using a heat source, at a vending stand.

Special Events

When special events are held in the downtown area, the town manager may determine that street vending shall not be allowed under the ordinance but instead will be prohibited or will be allowed only as permitted by the sponsor of the event.

For more information please contact Downtown Development Coordinator Lane Moody at 828-268-6283 or by email at lane.moody@townofboone.net

Proposed Vendor Spaces

5 sites in front of the Post Office



The areas on either side of the bench are roughly 16 feet wide and the sidewalk is also 16 feet wide.

We will need to put locks on power receptacles.



There are lines in the concrete that we could use as natural markers for the 6ft of space. The red arrows show where they are.

We would ask that they not block the benches or use them as a part of their display.

Would need to move the trashcan to be closer to the bike rack.

We will need to put locks on power receptacles



Trashcan will go here.

Bike Rack is required by Town Ordinance and must not be blocked



Keep the tables no more than 4 bricks length wide. This leaves 7ft of sidewalk space open