What can I sell?
Roadside vending is only permitted for the sale of food.

Can I sell items that I cook and package in my own kitchen?
No. Only food items that are prepackaged, prepared in a restaurant kitchen approved by the State Division of Hotel and Restaurants (DHR), or prepared in a licensed mobile unit approved by the DHR can be sold under roadside vending. Open air cooking and mobile open air barbeque barrel pit cookers are strictly prohibited. If you are selling any item other than prepackaged products (soda pop in cans, small close d bags of potato chips, etc.), you must get a license from the DHR. For additional questions regarding the state licensing, you can contact the Division of Hotels and Restaurants, Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation at 1-800-880-7753.

Where can I do roadside vending?
Roadside vending is only permitted on private property which is not solely used for housing. Vending is only permitted at certain intersections within the City, and only one roadside vending business is permitted on any block face within 200 of the allowed intersections. The approved intersections are:

- 4th Street North with Central, 1st, 5th (except the northeast corner), and 9th (except the two easterly corners) Avenues.
- 4th Street South with Central, 1st, 5th, 18th, and 22nd Avenues.
- 9th Street North with 1st, 5th, and 9th Avenues.
- 9th Street South with Central, 1st, 5th, 22nd, and 26th Avenues.
- 16th Street North with Central, 1st and 5th (except the northwest corner of the westerly half of the southwest corner) Avenues
- 16th Street South with Central, 1st, 5th, 18th, and 22nd Avenues
- 22nd Street South with 5th, 18th, and 22nd Avenues
- 28th Street North with Central, 1st (except the northwest corner), and 5th (except the two northerly and westerly corners) Avenues
- 28th Street South with Central, 1st, 5th, 18th, and 22nd Avenues
- 34th Street South with Central (except the two easterly corners and the north corner) and 1st (except the two easterly corners) Avenues.

Once I find an intersection I like, what next?
Roadside vending is allowed on private property within 200 feet of one of the approved intersections. The proposed location must be in the parking lot on the side or rear of an existing building which is not used for residential purposes. The area for the vending and equipment must not exceed 200 square feet, which is approximately the size of one parking space. No more than two parking spaces can be blocked off as a result of the roadside vending operation.

Can I sell to a passing car or do customers have to stop to buy my goods?
NO. Customers must pull into the parking lot to conduct business. No business is permitted to take place in the right-of-way and vehicles are not permitted to stop in the roadway to purchase goods.
Regulations for Roadside Vending (continued)

Are there design requirements for my vending equipment?
The only restriction is that the roadside vending market or operation cannot exceed 200 square feet in area. If you are preparing food by the roadside, you will need approval from the Division of Hotels and Restaurants to be sure that your equipment and food meets health and safety standards. No electrical or water service can be extended to the roadside market.

Are there restrictions when I can operate my roadside market?
Roadside vending is permitted only during daylight hours. No vending markets or equipment are allowed to remain on the property overnight.

Do I need a permit?
A Roadside Vending Market Certificate is required by the City. The certificate is issued once the location has been approved and the applicant has submitted copies of the required Division of Hotels and Restaurants license/permit and the City’s occupational license. The City’s occupational license can be obtained on the first floor of the Municipal Services Center on the northeast corner of Central Avenue and 4th Street North. The fee for the occupational license is $65.00 per location plus $12.00 per employee. There are no other City fees that are required.

How long is my permit good for?
The market certificate must be renewed annually in person at the Municipal Services Center. If you fail to renew your permit by September 30th of each year, another vendor could secure your location. As locations are allocated on a first-come/first-served basis, it is important to renew permits early.

Questions?
The City of St. Petersburg Development Review Services Division is available to provide assistance with those seeking to pursue business opportunities in the city. If you have questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact our offices at (727) 893-7471, 8:00 to 4:30 Monday through Friday. You may also visit our offices on the first floor of the Municipal Service Center, located at One 4th Street North in downtown St. Petersburg.
A copy of this certificate shall be available for inspection during all hours of operation of the Roadside Vending Market.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Permit Location: ______________________________________________________

Owner/Tenant Name (attach approval letter): _________________________________________

Applicant Name: __________________________________________________________________

Applicant Address: __________________________________________________________________

Applicant Phone Number: __________________________________________________________________

SITE PLAN: On the back of this application form, please draw a site plan showing where the Roadside Vending operation will be located and how it will comply with the following requirements:

- Located within the Enterprise Zone (generally the target neighborhoods and the Midtown Economic Development Area; see map for specific location)
- Located within 200’ of an intersection as named in the ordinance (generally arterial & collector streets)
- NOT located within 100’ from an existing indoor or outdoor eating establishment, or retail store that sells food, unless the establishment/store is located on the same lot.
- Only one roadside vending market on each block face
- Located on approved use areas which have proper curb cuts and driveways for access
- No larger than 200 square feet
- No more than 2 parking spaces of the approved principal use may be used for the roadside vending use
- Complies with the visibility triangle regulations
- Located on the side or rear of the principal permitted use

ATTEST: By signing this application form, I agree to abide by the following conditions governing the operation of Roadside Vending Markets:

- I will only operate during daylight hours (one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset)
- I will have no more than two motor vehicles on the property
- I will keep the area neat at all times, and remove all garbage or trash daily
- I will erect no permanent structures
- I will not allow vehicles to stop or park in the right of way to make purchases
- I will not have electrical or water service
- I will display no more than 2 signs, each 3 x 5 feet. My signs will be displayed only during business hours and I will not locate any signs in the right of way.

Applicant Signature ____________________________________________________________

Date _________________________________________________________________________
City of St. Petersburg
Development Services

Site-Plan for Roadside Vending Market

APPROVED: ____________________________
Development Review Services

IMPORTANT NOTICE
FOR COOKED OR PROCESSED FOOD SALES, APPROVAL IS REQUIRED FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION. THE TAMPA OFFICE OF THIS DEPARTMENT CAN BE REACHED AT (727)272-2200 or 1-800-880-7753.

OCCUPATIONAL TAX USE ONLY
Date ____________________________  Account No. ____________________________
To Whom It May Concern:

I, ________________, as owner/tenant of ______________________
do hereby give my permission and authorization for ________________
to locate a Roadside Vending Market in accordance with the City of St.
Petersburg code on the property. If questions arise concerning this use or
my approval thereof, I can be reached by calling (___) _____-_______.

____________________________________________________________________
Signed ___________________________ Date _______________
ROADSIDE VENDING APPROVAL PROCEDURES

BACKGROUND
On July 2, 1998, the St. Petersburg City Council adopted an ordinance defining and permitting Roadside Vending Markets in portions of the City, with conditions. Roadside Vending Markets may only be located on private property, not in rights of way, and may only sell food. They are allowed at or near certain specified intersections in the City’s Enterprise Zone. The following procedures are to be used to review applications for these uses.

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW SERVICES APPROVAL
Application intake personnel will review the application form to determine if the site plan meets the requirements of the ordinance in terms of both location and design. Regarding location, there are two requirements: Acceptable locations must be both within the Enterprise Zone and within 200 feet of a listed intersection (see attached copy of the ordinance). BOTH locational criteria must be met or the use CANNOT be approved. Regarding site design, it is understood that the site plan will usually not be drawn by a design professional and will seldom be to-scale; its purpose is to demonstrate compliance with the ordinance requirements, not to substitute for an “engineered,” scaled site plan. Staff will typically need to review the site plan using aerial photos to determine key site features.

An approval letter is required indicating approval of the property owner or tenant. A sample letter to be copied and distributed for applicant use is attached, although use of this form letter is NOT mandatory; the applicant is free to submit another type of approval letter that meets the same purpose.

While the ordinance calls for the issuance of a certificate of occupancy, since no permanent structure is allowed for Roadside Vending Markets, no certificate of occupancy can be issued. The intent of the certificate of occupancy requirement is to insure a site plan review, so the application form is designed to serve as a certificate meeting that purpose. The applicant should have the certificate available for inspection during all hours of operation to aid in enforcement.

OCCUPATIONAL TAX APPROVAL
Application intake personnel will review materials to determine if the following required submissions are included with the occupational tax application:

- Roadside Vending Market Certificate approved by Development Review Services
- Property owner approval letter
- Business and Professional Regulation permit (cooked food sales only; Tampa Office number: 272-2200)
- Appropriate fee ($65.00 per site + $12.00 per employee)

Applications containing the above information may be processed. Applicants who do not provide all of these required materials will be directed to the appropriate offices for assistance.
The Enterprise Zone Boundaries

This map is not drawn to scale and is intended for representative purposes only. For exact street addresses located within the Enterprise Zone, contact us.

For more information on the Enterprise Zone and other business incentives, contact us at:

Exonomic Development and Property Management, City of St. Petersburg
P.O. Box 2842, St. Petersburg, Florida 33731
(727)893-7100 or Business@Stpete.org