

Street Trading in Food

Introduction

Numerous enquiries are received each week at this office relating to street trading in Blackpool.

The following sections are designed to provide the information you will need prior to starting a mobile food sales business.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Where Can I Trade in the Street in Blackpool?

You cannot trade on any prohibited street in the town. The prohibited streets are listed in schedule 1.

You cannot trade on any consent street if you do not have a consent. Consent streets are listed in schedule 2. At the present time the Council are not issuing any consents.

You must not trade on any other street or pavement in the town as this will cause a traffic obstruction.

It is likely that the only suitable trading sites in the town will be on privately owned land. You must have the permission of the landowner and ensure that the Council's planning department have no objections to you trading there. You must also ensure that this privately owned land is not within 12 metres of a "12 metre prohibited street" (see schedule 1).

Trading in a "prohibited street" or trading in a "consent street" without a consent is a criminal offence. This provision is rigorously enforced and can result in a fine. If you cause a traffic obstruction you will be moved on.

A list of "prohibited streets" and "consent streets" is attached in schedule 1 and 2.

Can I Trade on the Beach or the Promenade Walkway?

The Promenade Walkway, including all areas West of the tram tracks, is also a "consent street" but the Council's policy allows the sale of a limited range of articles only and then usually in connection with a specific event. No general consents will be issued.

What Laws Apply to Street Food Trading?

Several types of law apply, all for different reasons.

Firstly, street trading must not cause nuisance or disruption to other trades or inhabitants of the neighbourhood.

Secondly, food trading must be conducted in a hygienic manner.

Thirdly, the consumer must be protected and traders should therefore be identifiable and registered as a food premises with the Environmental Services Division.

What Other Requirements Relate to Street Trading?

There are regulations which apply to the labelling, pricing and descriptions of food as well as to the use of the correct weights and measures for selling certain foods. Information and advice on complying with the law can be obtained from the Food Control Section on (01253) 477477.



Can I Expect Any Other Problems?

Other traders who are paying the usual overheads will surely object if you park in their vicinity and some sensitivity compatible with commercial viability would probably avoid confrontation and complaint.

As far as this Division is concerned you must not cause a nuisance i.e. no smells, no noise, no rubbish.

What Are the Rules Relating to Town and Country Planning?

In some circumstances planning permission may be required.

Advice should be sought in all cases from the Planning Division.

Remember – it is also possible that the parking and storage of your vehicle could require approval – ask first.

What are the Requirements in Relation to Food Hygiene and Food Safety?

PART 1 – Layout and Fittings

Construction of the Vehicle

Floors should be fitted with impervious material, ideally joint free. The edges should be sealed to assist cleaning.

Wall, ceiling and other parts of the vehicle must be smooth and impervious. Joints must be sealed and kept to a minimum.

Dirt traps must be eliminated.

The general fabric must enable thorough cleaning.

If it is not practicable to separate the cab from the food area, it must be kept clean and constructed so as to facilitate cleaning.

Work surfaces and shelving should be impervious, non-toxic, and readily cleansable. However, where they abut onto a wall they must be sealed at the rear to prevent dirt becoming lodged.

The structure of any unit must not allow pest infestation. Adequate procedures must be in place to ensure pests are controlled.

Equipment

All articles, fittings and equipment must be capable of being cleaned and where necessary disinfected.

They must be kept in a good state of repair.

Articles which come into contact with food must not contaminate it.

Equipment must be installed in such a manner, which enable free access for cleaning the surrounding area.

Washing Facilities

Facilities must be provided for washing equipment and for personal use.

Plastic bowls and vacuum flasks containing hot water may be acceptable for low risk foods.

Where open food is handled these facilities should be separate and comprise:

- a. A sink
- b. A wash hand basin for hand washing only. This must be provided with an adequate supply of soap and hand drying facilities.
- c. Piped supplies of hot and cold potable water should be provided to both sets of washing facilities.

- d. Waste water from washing facilities must be piped directly to sealed impervious containers. The waste water must be disposed of to a foul drainage system and the containers thoroughly cleaned prior to reuse.

Water Supply

Adequate quantities of water must be carried on the vehicle. Any water used in the production of food must be potable.

Refuse Storage

Impervious lidded containers should be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected before use inside the catering unit.

These containers must be of an appropriate construction, kept in sound condition and easy to disinfect.

Unnecessary accumulation of waste within the unit must be prevented.

All refuse generated by the business must be removed from the site and disposed of in a satisfactory manner.

PART 2 – Food Handling and Management

Food Contamination

Practices must not, under any circumstances, expose food to any risk of contamination.

Food must be placed and protected so as to reduce the risk of contamination.

Separation of food intended for use from waste food or refuse must be maintained at all times.

Waste food or refuse must be stored in secure labelled containers.

No raw materials or ingredients should be carried on the food vehicle if they are known or suspected to be infested or contaminated, or in such a condition which would render them unfit for human consumption.

Raw material and ingredients stored on the vehicle must be kept in an appropriate condition, which is designed to prevent harmful deterioration and protect them from contamination

Temperature Control

Adequate provision must be made to store any food which is likely to support the growth of harmful bacteria either cold at below 8°C or hot above 63°C.

Temperature of food stored on the vehicle should be checked regularly with an accurate thermometer to ensure that safe temperatures are being maintained.

PART 3 – Personal Hygiene

Every person working in a food handling area must maintain a high degree of personal cleanliness. They shall wear suitable clean protective clothing.

The potential for the spread of infection from any person known or suspected to be suffering from food poisoning, diarrhoea, vomiting, skin infections etc. should be prevented. Direct or indirect contact with food should be avoided.

PART 4 – General

Training

It is a legal requirement that food handlers must be supervised and instructed and/or trained in food hygiene matters commensurate with their work activities.

Hazard Analysis

As the proprietor of a food business you must:

- a. Identify any food safety hazards associated with the activities that you undertake.

- b. Know which steps in those activities are critical for food safety.
- c. Ensure safe controls are in place, maintained and reviewed regularly to reduce any risk of those activities.
- d. Keep records and documents relating to the above.

More information can be obtained from the Food Control Group of Quality Standards Division.
Tel: 01253 478326.

SCHEDULE 1

Prohibited Streets

The Council has decided that no trading whatsoever may be carried out on the following streets. These are "prohibited streets" within the meaning of Schedule 4 to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982.

Abercorn Place	Brown Street	Devonshire Road
Abingdon Street *	Brunswick Street	Dickson Road
Adelaide Street *	Burlington Road West	East Park Drive
Adelphi Street *	Cardigan Place	East Topping Street *
Albert Road *	Caroline Street	East View
Alexandra Road	Carter Street *	Edward Street *
Alfred Street	Cauce Street	Erdington Road
Anchorholme Lane	(Cookson	Fern Grove
(West and East)	Street to King Street)	Fleet Street
Anderston Street	Cedar Square *	Fleetwood Road
Ansdell road	Central Drive	Foxhall Road
Arnold Avenue	Chadwick Street	Foxhall Square
Ashfield Road	Chapel Street	Freckleton Street
Ashton Road	Charles Street	George Street (Cookson
Back Adelaide Street	(Cookson	Street to King Street)
Back Albert Road	Street to King Street)	Grange Road
Back Brunswick St	Charnley Road	Grasmere Road
Back Chapel Street	Cheapside *	Gynn Square
Back Charnley Road	Cherry Tree Road	Harewood Street
Back Church Street *	Chorley Road	Harrow Place
Back Reads Avenue	Church Street *	Harrowside
Back York Street	Clifton Drive	Havelock Street
Bairstow Street	Clifton Street *	Hawes Side Lane
Balmoral Road	Clinton Avenue	Heywood Street
Banks Street *	Cocker Square	Highfield Road (between
Barton Avenue	Commercial Street	Lytham Rd/St Annes Rd)
Belmont Avenue	Common Edge Road	Hornby Road
Benson Road	Condor Grove	Hull Road
Bethesda Road	Cookson Street	Ibbison Court
Bethesda Square	Coop Street	Ibbison Street
Bickerstaff Street	Coronation Street *	Jameson Street
Birley Street *	Corporation Street *	Kay Street
Blackpool Old Road	Cragg Street	Kent Road
Bloomfield Road	Crystal Road	Keswick Road
Blundell Street	Dale Street	King Street
Bolton Street	Dean Street	Lancaster Avenue
Bond Street	Deansgate *	Leagate
Bonny Street	Depot Road	Leopold Grove
Britannia Place	Derby Road	Livingston Road

Louise Street	Queen Street *	Topping Street *
Lytham Road	Queens Promenade	Tower Street *
Market Street *	(between Gynn Square	Town Hall Street *
Marton Drive	and Fleetwood Road	Trafalgar Road
Mere Road	Rawcliffe Street)	Tyldesley Road
Middle Street	Reads Avenue	Vance Road
Midgeland Road	Red Bank Road	Vicarage Lane
Milbourne Street	Regent Road	Warbreck Hill Road
(Cookson	Ribble Road	Wareham Road
Street to King Street)	Rigby Road	Warley Road
Montrose Avenue	Rydal Avenue	Waterloo Road
Mowbray Drive	St Annes Road	Watson Road
Mythop Road	St Chads Road	Wellington Road
Newton Drive	St Walburgas Road	West Park Drive (between
North Park Drive	Salthouse Avenue	Woodland Grove and
Orme Street	School Road	North Park Drive)
Ormerod Place	Shannon Street	West Street *
Osborne Road	Shaw Road	West View
Palatine Road	Sheppard Street *	Westcliffe Drive
Park road	Simpson Street	Westmorland Avenue
Pier Street	Singleton Street	Westwell Grove
Pleasant Street	South King Street	Whitegate Drive
Plymouth Road	South Park Drive	Wilton Parade
(between	Springfield Road *	Wimbourne Place
Warbreck Hill Road and	Squires Gate Lane	Winifred Street *
Poulton Road)	Stanley Road	Winstanley Grove
Poulton Road	Starr Gate	Withnell Road
Preston New Road	Station Road	Wood Street
Preston Old Road	Strand *	Woodfield Road
Princess Street	Sutton Place	Woolman Road
Promenade *	Talbot Road *	York Street
(between Gynn Square	Talbot Square *	Yorkshire Street
and Squires Gate)	Temple Street *	

* 12-metre rule on these streets, any area which is privately owned, but freely accessible to the public and within 12 metres of the street, is also prohibited. This may include areas such as car parks, patios and forecourts.

SCHEDULE 2

Consent Streets

In order to trade in the following streets you must first receive written consent of the Council. These are "consent streets" within the meaning of Schedule 4 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act. 1982:

Adstone Avenue	Dingle Avenue	Loughrigg Terrace
Ambleside Road	Dinmore Avenue	Mardale Avenue
Bank Hey Street	Dinmore Place	Marhill Road
Bathhurst Avenue	Easington Crescent	Mickledoen Road
Bertrand Avenue	Elgin Place	Normoss Road
Birkside Way	Elstone Avenue	Overdale Road
Bowfell Close	Ennerdale Road	Oxenhurst Road
Bowland Crescent	Fulwood Avenue	Pilling Crescent
Bowness Avenue	Furness Avenue	Rodwell Walk
Branstree Road	Grizedale Road	Rossett Avenue
Calvert Place	Hammerton Place	Rudyard Place
Castlerigg Place	Haslow Place	Seathwaite Avenue
Chepstow Grove	Hockley Place	Tarnbrook Drive
Chipping Grove	Kentmere Drive	Victoria Street
Cockerham Walk	Langdale Place	Walney Place
Convent Crescent	Langdale Road (between	Wensleydale Avenue
Croasdale Walk	Deepdale Road &	
Crummock Place	Bowness Avenue)	
Dawlish Avenue		
Deepdale Road		