

Transient Merchant Fact Sheet



What is the difference between a Transient Merchant (TM) conducting business as part of a public event or separate from a public event? A TM conducting business as part of a public event is only subject to a TM Fee of \$20 to be paid through the event organizer. A TM conducting business separate from a public event is only allowed on private property and is required to get a TM License with a \$100 fee.

How many days is a TM allowed to conduct business in the City? A TM is allowed to conduct business for a maximum three consecutive days, six times a year on the same property.

Where am I allowed to conduct business as a TM? Private property with permission from landowner as a part of the TM license application. Or as part of a public event on public property. TMs are not allowed to conduct business on or within 126 feet of Cascade Avenue between Pine Street and Locust Street or within 15 feet of Whychus Creek. For a broader definition of this setback see Sisters Municipal Code 5.35 amended by Ordinance 501.

What are the hours of operation allowed for a TM? A TM is allowed to setup and conduct business between the hours of 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

How far in advance does the TM License application need to be submitted? The TM License application must be submitted no later than 30 days prior to commencement of the TM activity.

What if the 30-day submittal requirement is not met? The application will not be accepted.

Who is exempt from the Transient Merchant code?

- (a) Traveling salespersons, commercial travelers, or similar persons who exclusively or primarily sell to local businesses.
- (b) The sale and delivery of a newspaper subscription.
- (c) The occasional sales of goods and/or services by local school students related to their school or fundraising sales by local service clubs, groups, and/or charitable nonprofit organizations, such as Elks, Kiwanis, Lions, Boy Scouts, veterans groups, and/or Girl Scouts.
- (d) Any person 17 years or younger operating on a part-time basis with annual gross income of less than \$500.00.
- (e) Any political group seeking funds or membership.
- (f) Garage sales, yard sales, rummage sales or swap meets conducted on private property.
- (g) The sale of goods, merchandise, and/or food in, on, and/or about a right-of-way directly adjacent to the licensed brick and mortar business conducting the sale.

If I am a current business license holder with a permanent location within the City of Sisters, do I need to pay for a TM License? The application requirements still apply; however, the License fee is waived.