

### **Purpose statement:**

The St. Ignace Peddlers and Solicitors Ordinance is intended to protect the health, safety, and welfare of St. Ignace residents and businesses by licensing transient vendors, controlling the location of operation of such vendors, and by limiting the number allowed to operate within the city. Special Events Organizers are allowed to contract with and invite transient vendors as part of an approved Special Event, providing that Special Event Vendors comply with all applicable local, state, and federal rules and regulations. It is the City of St. Ignace's intent to allow events and vending such that the vitality of downtown St. Ignace improves, remains healthy, and serves to benefit the community.

## **ARTICLE II. LICENSE**

### **Sec. 22-31. License required.**

(a) *Generally.* It shall be the unlawful for any person to engage in the business of peddler (vendor), as an independent peddler or helper as defined in section 22-1, without first obtaining a license/permit as provided herein for the period during which the vendor plans to conduct business. No such license shall be issued or become effective until seven business days (excluding Sundays and holidays) have elapsed from time of application therefor.

(b) *Areas and Events allowed:*

### **Mobile Food Vending:**

- (i) **Public property.** Mobile food vending shall only be allowed on public property when part of an approved public or private event. All mobile food vendors must submit a site plan for review and approval. Special Event organizers may submit an event site plan that locates mobile food vendors, and Special Event Organizers may apply for vendor permits on behalf of Mobile Food and Temporary Food vendors contracted for or invited to an event by the Event Organizer. An application submitted by a Special Event Organizer for a blanket permit must contain assurances from the Event Organizer that all vendors can and will comply with all applicable local, state, and federal rules and regulations. Special Event Organizers must agree to advise the City of St. Ignace of any vendors that would not be covered by the Organizers blanket permit request.

Mobile food vending in the CBD and GBD Districts shall be limited to the time between May 1 and October 31.

Mobile Food Trucks and Vendors must not block public or private driveways, must not block public street or sidewalks, must not block access to public drains and/or utilities. Any vehicle/vendor found blocking such structures or facilities will be ordered to move or leave.

- (ii) **Private property.** Mobile food vending on private property shall be allowed in business (CBD & GBD) or Light Industrial districts and must include a parking plan review. The number of Mobile Food and/or Temporary Food vendors on a parcel of private property in the Central Business District or the General Business District is limited to no more than one unit on any single day.

Mobile Food Vending on private property within the CBD and GBD is limited to the time between May 1 and October 31.

- (iii) In a residential district, mobile food vending and catering on private property shall only be allowed as part of a private event and shall only serve food to event attendees and not the general public. Mobile food vending on private residential property shall not be allowed to utilize public property including, but not limited to, sidewalks, streets, and rights-of-way. The outdoor preparation and service of food by a mobile food vendor or caterer in residential areas shall be limited to the hours between 10 A.M. to 10 P.M., standard or daylight savings time. Mobile food vendors and caterers attending to a private party in a residential area are not required to obtain operating permits from the City of St. Ignace.

#### **Mobile non-food vending:**

- (i) **Public Property.** Non-food mobile vending shall only be allowed on public property when part of an approved public event. All mobile vendors must submit a site plan for review and approval. Special Event organizers may submit an event site plan that shows the location of mobile vendors.

Mobile non-food Vendors must not block public or private driveways, must not block public street or sidewalks, must not block access to public drains and/or utilities. Any vehicle/vendor found blocking such structures or facilities will be ordered to move or leave.

- (ii) **Private Property.** Non-food mobile vending is allowed on private property in the CBD and GBD when part of a City Council approved Special Event, and apart from Special Events when allowed by the property owner and permitted by City of St. Ignace. Outside of Special Events, Non-food mobile vending in the CBD and GBD is limited to one unit per property description.

## **Food Courts**

- (i) An owner of private property in the CBD or the GBD may apply for permission to create a Food Court on the owner's premises. Such Food Courts, if permitted can consist of no more than six (6) individual mobile food vending units based within the owner's property. Applications for a Food Court must be reviewed by the St. Ignace Downtown Development Authority (D.D.A.) and must be approved by the St. Ignace City Council. A proposed Food Court must be found, by the St. Ignace D.D.A., to be in the best interests of businesses and activities in the CBD and GBD. The City Council of St. Ignace may only act on a Food Court application recommended for approval by the St. Ignace D.D.A. An application for a Food Court must include a site plan and description of days and times of operation of the Food Court.

## **Farmer's Markets:**

Farmer's Markets on Public or Private Property are allowed in the CBD and/or GBD when sponsored and conducted by a Special Event Organizer approved by the City of St. Ignace City Council. The Event Organizer must annually request approval for the Farmer's Market. The Farmer's Market Event Organizer must submit a site plan to the City of St. Ignace describing the area proposed for the Market along with an estimate of the approximate number of vendors to be located within the Market. Vendors in an approved Farmer's Market are not required to obtain City of St. Ignace permits under the Peddler's Ordinance when the merchandise being sold is limited to farm-produced products and/or merchandise such as handicraft and artwork created by the vendor.

The Market Event Organizer is responsible for assuring that vendors only market farm produced products, and handicraft and artwork produced by the individual vendors. The Event Organizer is responsible for annually notifying the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development of the dates for operation of the Market.

## **Flea Markets:**

Flea Markets (vendors selling used merchandise, collectible items, antiques, and vendor produced crafts) on Private Property are allowed in the CBD and/or GBD when sponsored and conducted by a Special Event Organizer approved by the City of St. Ignace City Council. The Event Organizer must annually request approval for the Flea Market. The Flea Market Event Organizer must submit a site plan to the City of St. Ignace describing the area proposed for the Market along with an estimate of the approximate number of vendors to be located within the Market. Vendors in an approved Flea Market are not required to obtain City of St. Ignace permits under the Peddler's Ordinance when the merchandise being sold is limited to farm-produced products, baked goods, and/or merchandise such as handicraft and artwork created by the vendor, the sale of used items, collectible items, and antiques.

The Market Event Organizer is responsible for assuring that vendors only market approved products. The Event Organizer is responsible for annually notifying the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development of the dates for operation of the Market, if the Market will contain vendors selling farm-produced products and/or baked goods.

**Garage and Estate Sales on Private Residential Property:**

Garage and Estate Sales on private property in residential areas do not require operating permits. The display and sale of merchandise from a garage or estate sale must limited to private property, may not occupy public sidewalks or rights-of-way. Garage and Estate Sales are limited to a three (3) day duration. Any residential property is limited to no more than three (3) sale events per calendar year.