



# **CA State Bill 276 SAFE Streets Act**

Informational Session

Small Business Commission

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Office of Economic and Workforce Development

# Bill History and Background

- **SB 946 Safe Sidewalk Vending Act 2018**

- Developed regulations to decriminalize street vending and moved responsibility of permitting away from police departments
- Unintentionally, SB946 —combined with COVID and other factors—created the conditions that led to the rise in fencing activity in San Francisco

- **Concerns over oversaturation with fencing and illegal activities led to advocacy from:**

- Mission Community
- Merchants
- Mission Street Vendors Association
- Tenderloin Community
- Chinatown Community

- **Mission Street Vending Moratorium & Vending Restriction on Mission Street**

- No vending on Mission St. from Cesar Chavez to 14th St
- Multi-departmental effort: DPW Director OEWD, DEM, D9, and SFPD
- Current order ends Jan 17, 2026
- Vending Pilot Program

# What is CA SB 276

- **Purpose**

- Address the criminal activity of fencing in San Francisco by allowing police to enforce violations related to unpermitted vendors selling stolen goods without permits, to support healthy street conditions

- **Legislative Partners**

- Bill was crafted by Senator Wiener's office with support from the City and input from the Street Vending community and community stakeholders

- **List of Commonly Stolen Goods:**

- State law allows SF to have a list of commonly stolen goods that if sold by unpermitted vendors can be enforced upon by the Police Department
- List excludes foods prepared on-sight and any prepackaged items (e.g., chips, nonalcoholic drinks) sold together with on-sight prepared food
- List does not apply to vendors who have a valid permit with DPW and can show proof of receipt
- List will need to be submitted annually to the Board of Supervisors

# What is CA SB 276

- **Street Vending Permit Costs**
  - Caps permit fees annually at \$25 for applicants earning less than 200% of median income and or receives public benefits (e.g., CalWORKS, Cal Fresh, WIC)
- **Protections for Applicants**
  - Permitting departments cannot inquire or collect information around immigration status or citizenship
  - Permitting departments cannot inquire or collect information regarding criminal history, require fingerprinting, or submit a background check as part of receiving a permit to vend.
- **Compliance**
  - 1st three violations within 18 months are a citation, afterwards an individual can be given a misdemeanor charge
- **By January 1 each year, the permitting agency must submit a report to:**
  - The Board of Supervisors (City & County of San Francisco)
  - Relevant legislative committees
- **Duration**
  - Bill Sunsets January 1, 2031

# Next Steps for Local Adoption

- **Governor's Signature**
  - Awaiting Governor Newsom's approval
- **Required Community Engagement + Public Awareness**
  - 60 days prior: Host sessions with Vendor Associations, Mission District, TL-Midmarket, Chinatown, merchant groups & other community to inform about local ordinance
  - 30 days prior: Launch media campaign to inform the public
- **Data Collection**
  - Compile list of commonly stolen goods from DPW & SFPD data
- **Legislation Drafting**
  - Coordination across departments
- **Implementation Goal**
  - Legislation in place by Jan 1, 2026



# Questions?

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