

ORDINANCE NO. 150

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST REGULATING  
ITINERANT PRODUCE VENDING OPERATIONS

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST DOES ORDAIN AS  
FOLLOWS:

1. PURPOSE - The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the health, safety and welfare of the general public and of consumers who purchase products from itinerant produce vendors.

2. NAME, ADDRESS & PHONE NUMBER DISPLAYED - Every itinerant produce vendor's vehicle shall have displayed on both sides thereof the name, address and phone number of the person who manages and controls the vending operation. The name shall be shown in letters at least three (3) inches in height, and the address and phone number shall be shown in letters at least one and one-half (1 1/2) inches in height.

3. PREPARATION OF PRODUCTS SOLD - No prepared food or produce shall be served or sold by an itinerant produce vendor unless prepared in an establishment complying with all applicable health regulations and laws. No food or produce sold by an itinerant produce vendor shall be packaged or wrapped except in an establishment complying with all applicable health regulations and laws. An itinerant produce vendor shall not prepare food or produce except as provided herein. The Health Officer may restrict the food or produce offered for sale or gift by an itinerant produce vendor to such items as are not a hazard to the public health, safety and welfare when handled by facilities of itinerant produce vendors.

4. STORAGE - It shall be unlawful to store or keep any itinerant produce vendor's vehicle, equipment, food, produce or supplies in an unsanitary or unhealthful manner or place.

5. PERSONAL CLEANLINESS - All itinerant produce vendors, and all of their employees and agent's who handle food or produce shall at all times maintain themselves in a sanitary condition.

6. VENDORS IN FIXED LOCATION - All persons claiming to be itinerant produce vendors but who offer for sale any food or produce at a fixed location shall comply with all laws and regulations applicable to food establishments and restaurants. Any such vendor's vehicle which is not moved at least five hundred (500) feet within each twenty-four (24) hour period shall be deemed to be in a fixed location unless specifically excepted in writing by the Health Officer.

7. PARKING LIMITATIONS - Itinerant produce vendors shall not permit any vehicle to remain in one location for the purpose of displaying or selling food or produce for more than thirty (30) minutes during any twenty-four (24) hour period. No vehicle shall be parked on private property without the prior written approval of

the Planning Department, Health Department, and City Clerk. No vehicle shall be parked on any public street, highway or right-of-way without written approval of the public agency having jurisdiction thereof.

8. SANITATION FACILITIES - No portable sanitation facilities shall be permitted. Toilet and handwashing facilities shall be available within a distance of 150 feet from the vendor's vehicle and must be approved by the Health Officer. All garbage, papers, debris and litter must be promptly picked up and disposed of, and the premises must be maintained at all times in a neat, clean and orderly condition. All food products except liquids shall be sold only in sealed packages or from sanitary dispensers. Water shall be provided on the site for controlling dust and blowing sand, which water supply shall be from an approved water system.

9. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS - In addition to the requirements set forth hereinabove, every itinerant produce vendor shall:

a. Obtain a City business license prior to commencement of any activities;

b. Maintain all signs on the vehicle, tables or stands, and not on adjoining premises;

c. Use a vehicle of a commercial type, with truck bed in clean and good condition, and with a current valid California registration;

d. Not display or store any food or produce on the ground, but only from the vehicle or on tables or stands at least thirty (30) inches above the ground level;

e. Provide suitable containers for disposal of culls, trash, debris and litter, such containers to be sanitary and in good condition with tight-fitting lids;

f. Report to Health Officer and City Clerk any change in equipment for inspection and approval prior to use;

g. Have the vehicle and any equipment inspected each time the City business license is renewed or changed;

h. Leave all sales sites in a clean condition, with all vehicles, tables, stands, food, produce, culls, trash, debris and litter removed;

i. Vendors in a fixed location shall remove all vehicles, tables, and stands within twenty-four (24) hours after termination of offering food and produce for sale

10. PENALTIES - Any violation of this ordinance is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not to exceed \$500.00, or imprisonment for not to exceed thirty (30) days, or by both fine and imprisonment.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of November  
1971, by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Smith, Councilmen Edwards, and Shacklett

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilman Fox

ABSTAIN: Councilman Kessler

Kenneth M. Smith  
MAYOR

Attest:

Jayna R. Heck  
CITY CLERK