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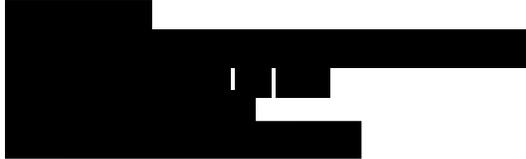


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Re: General Vending from a Vehicle Parked on the Street is Impermissible

Dear [REDACTED],

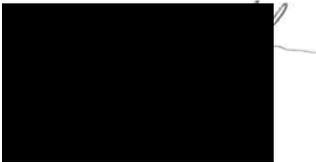
This letter is in response to your inquiry asking whether a business requires a NYC Department of Consumer Affairs (“DCA”) license to operate a mobile hair salon. The answer is that this type of vending is prohibited from any vehicle parked on the street.

A general vendor is “a person who ... sells ... goods or services ... in a public space.” See NYC Administrative Code (“Code”) §20-452(b). A “general vending business” is “the business of selling ... at retail, goods or services other than food, engaged in by a general vendor in a public space.” See Code §20-452(c). Pursuant to Code §20-453, it is unlawful for any individual to act as a general vendor without obtaining a license from DCA.

The business you describe – a hair salon conducting business in a public space– requires a DCA general vendor license. However, Code §20-465(o) makes it unlawful for a general vendor to vend from a parked vehicle.

Please note that there is currently a waiting list for general vendor licenses.

Sincerely,



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