



STREET TRADING CONSENTS FOOD HAWKERS REGISTRATIONS

A GUIDE FOR APPLICANTS

From 1st January 1994, the Council has resolved that all street within the Metropolitan Borough of Tameside will be Consent Streets for street trading purposes, with the exception of the designated town centres of Ashton-under-Lyne, Denton, Droylsden, Dukinfield, Hyde, Mossley and Stalybridge, as detailed on the town maps.

This means that from that date you will need a Consent in writing to sell or offer any articles for sale in the Borough's streets.

If you sell food in the Borough's streets, you will need to be registered as a food hawker.

This guide will tell you more about this scheme and how to apply for a Consent (and food hawkers registration, if you need it).

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY?

Stall – includes any vehicle, cart, barrow and any form of portable stall.

Street – includes:

- (a) any road, footway, beach or other area to which the public have access without payments; and
- (b) a service area as defined in section 329 of the Highways Act 1980, and also includes any part of the street.

Street Trading – means, with certain exceptions, the selling or exposing or offering for sale of any article (including a living thing) in a street.

Consent street – means a street in which street trading is prohibited without the consent of Tameside Council.

WHO NEEDS A CONSENT?

Everyone who wishes to trade in the streets of the Borough will be affected, with certain exceptions. Basically these are:-

- A pedlar holding a current pedlars certificate, and acting as a pedlar, under the authority of the Pedlars Act 1871
- A trader as part of an authorised market or fair
- A news vendor
- A trader at a petrol filling station
- A person trading in association with an adjoining shop premises
- A roundsman

We will help you to decide whether you need a Consent if you wish.

EXCLUSIONS

By law, however, the Council must not grant a Consent:-

- (i) To any person under 17 years of age, or

(ii) for trading in a highway for which a Control Order regarding road-site sales is in force.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU GET YOUR CONSENT

The Council may grant your consent and may also impose conditions, including the details of locations and times during which you may trade.

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PROHIBITED AREAS

Even though you may have been granted a Consent for street trading, there are 7 areas within the Borough where street trading is prohibited. The approximate boundaries of these areas are shown on maps in this guide and the streets forming the boundaries are also given, listed in full. The prohibited areas are thus within the black continuous lines on the map.

YOUR APPLICATION FORM

All applicants – please complete parts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6.

Also note that each stall used (4.4) needs a Consent, payable at current rate.

FOOD TRADERS– complete part 5 also.

If your answer to any of the questions at 5.1 is 'yes' then an Environmental Health Officer will need to interview you.

All food businesses must be registered with the local Environmental Health department. In relation to mobile food traders, this is the Environmental Health Department of the local council within whose area the vehicle is garaged/stored. Your street trading application will not be accepted without evidence that your business is registered with the relevant Environmental Health Department.

We will deal with your application when all food stalls and premises are satisfactory.

IMPORTANT – Any assistants will need separate registration – free of charge. Application forms will be sent to you if necessary.

APPLYING

We need:-

- Your completed application form reference LG/STA/F1
- Two passport photographs for each person
- (**Food traders** – two photographs per assistant also, please)
- The appropriate fee
- Food Traders – evidence of registration with Environmental Health.

Either bring these items, or post them to the

Licensing, Tame Street Depot, Tame Street, Stalybridge SK151ST. Cheques must be crossed and made payable to Tameside M.B.C.

REFUNDS

If you either surrender your Consent or we revoke it for any reason, you are not entitled to a refund.

FINALLY

Consents will be renewable on a 12-monthly basis. It is the responsibility of the Consent holder to ensure the Consent is renewed at the appropriate time.

FURTHER HELP OR ASSISTANCE

Please contact us at the address shown or telephone 0161 342 4262.

CURRENT FEES Consult Licensing section for details.

PLEASE KEEP THE GUIDE AND CONDITIONS BY YOU FOR FUTURE USE

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