

Street Trading

Short Term Consents

What is street trading?

The legal definition of street trading is the selling or offering/exposing for sale any article including a living thing. A street includes any street, footway or pavement, layby and any land including verges to which the public have access to without payment. This also includes private car parks such as superstore car parks.

Stroud District Council has adopted a resolution which designates all 'streets' in the district as needing street trading consent, except 'streets' owned and managed by public authorities and registered charities, with the exception of public highways.

This means that if articles are sold in these locations, street trading consent is needed.

Street Trading Consents are usually issued by Stroud District Council quarterly or annually however if you are looking to trade for only a few days you may wish to apply for a short term consent. A short term consent would normally only be granted for a period of up to 7 days.

What is a short term consent?

Short term consents are for traders who wish to trade for a limited period and will only be granted for a period of 1 to 7 days.

Short term single traders: a consent will be issued to traders who only want to trade in a particular location for a few days. The consent will only be granted for a period of up to 7 days.

Short term events: a consent will cover a number of stalls/traders and may be granted if the following applies:

1. The trading stalls are part of an organised even with an organising group committee/individual
2. The event is no more than 7 days

How do I apply for a Short Term Street Trading Consent?

In order to apply you must do the following:

- Complete the relevant application form (single trader or events)
- Provide a copy of third party public liability insurance (for individual trader or event as a whole)
- Provide a plan (where appropriate) showing the trading location
- Submit a photograph of each trading unit
- Provide evidence of the landowner's permission to trade on their land
- Pay the relevant fee: Please see our website for the current fees
<https://www.stroud.gov.uk/business/licensing-permits/street-trading>

What happens after I have submitted the application?

Upon receipt of a valid application it will be sent to other agencies for consultation. The Council will consult with the following:

- Gloucestershire Constabulary
- Town/Parish Council
- Highways where relevant
- Relevant Ward Councillor(s)
- Environmental Health Officers at Stroud District Council
- Neighbourhood Wardens at Stroud District Council

The consultees will have up to 14 days from the date that the application is received to make comment. Once the consultation period has ended a decision will normally be made within 7 days. You will be notified once a decision is made.

What if I want to trade for more than 7 days?

You could apply for an annual Street Trading Consent.

Static consents for a stall or vehicle which returns to one place daily or for regular periods of time. Mobile consent for traders that wish to move from place to place. The application process for these consents is different, the consultation is for a longer period and will be sent to additional agencies. The fees are also different.

Please contact the Licensing Section for more information.

WHERE CAN I GET MORE HELP AND ADVICE?

Contact the Licensing Section

Address: The Licensing Section, Stroud District Council, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf,
Westward Road, Stroud, Glos. GL5 4UB

If you wish to come into the Offices to speak to someone from the Licensing Team we advise that you ring and make an appointment first.

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