What is a transient vendor? A transient vendor is any person who transacts a business in this state either in one locality or by traveling from place to place in this state. The term includes a vendor who for the purposes of carrying on such business hires, leases, uses, or occupies any building, structure, motor vehicle, railroad car or real property.

All transient vendors are required by the City of Lucedale (Ordinance #350 and Amendment #400) and State of Mississippi (Mississippi Code 75-85-1 through 75-85-19) to have a transient vendor license to operate in the City of Lucedale. The only exceptions are City Special Events, such as Second Saturday, 4th of July Fireworks Show, Christmas Parade, Praise in the Park etc. This is addressed in MS Code Sec. 75-85-3 (2) "*A transient vendor not otherwise exempted from this chapter because of a temporary association with a local dealer, auctioneer, trader, contractor or merchant, or by conducting the transient business in connection with or in the name of any local dealer, auctioneer, trader, contractor or merchant.*"

Each vendor must pay $250 for their license. The license will expire 90 days after issuance. A license can be renewed only one time by paying a $25 renewal fee. After expiration of the renewal, the applicant must purchase a new license pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 75-85-13.

Each vendor must have a cash bond or surety bond in the amount no lesser of either $2000 or 5% of wholesale value of merchandise or service to be offered for sale. The bond shall be in favor of the state and shall be conditioned upon payment of: (1) all taxes due to the State or City (2) any fines assessed against applicant (3) any judgment against application The bond shall be maintained during the period that the transient vendor conducts business in the City and for a period of one year after termination of the business. A transient vendor must have a registered agent within the City and shall be the agent on whom processes or notice can be served. The agent must give his written consent. Two copies of a photograph of the application, taken within sixty (60) days before the date of filling of the application is required. The pictures shall be 2" x 2" showing the head and shoulder of the applicant in a clear and distinguishing manner. A full description of vehicle must be furnished (make, model, serial number).

The transient vendor must post his sales tax number, license number and statement concerning sales receipts in bold, legible letters and the numbers no less than one (1) inch in height. A running total of sales shall be maintained.

Any person who fails or refuses to comply with any part of the Transient Vendor Law and Ordinance #350 and Amendment #400 of the City of Lucedale shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than $500 or imprisoned more than 6 months, or both, and every day that a violation shall continue shall constitute a separate and distinct offense, and such fine or imprisonment shall be in addition to the amount of the license and to any other penalty imposed by law.

For more information on how to obtain a transient vendor license for the City of Lucedale please contact City Hall at 601-947-2082 or visit our office at 5126 Main Street Lucedale, MS 39452.