



Flower Vending Program

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Downtown alone had more than 120 outdoor flower stands in the early 1900s



Flower Stand at Grant near Geary circa 1940
([Marilyn Blaisdell Collection](#))



Flower Stand at Stockton near Ellis 1959
(*Photographer unknown*)

Today just 4 flower stands remain.



Market St. and Spear St.

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Montgomery St. and Post St.

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Stockton St. and O'Farrell St.

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Market St. and 16th St.

What Would Change

CURRENT REQUIREMENTS

- Permit can only be passed down to another family member or transferred by Board of Supervisors action.
- Applicants must be a resident of San Francisco and have residency for a year prior to applying.
- No delivery allowed.
- No requirements for operating hours.

UNDER THIS ORDINANCE

- Modernizes permit transfer rules so stands **can be operated by qualified businesses**, not just family members but does not allow permit to be transferred or sold.
- Succession plan establishes **first right of refusal** to surviving spouse, in the case of death, otherwise the permit reverts to the City.
- Applicants are **not required** to reside in San Francisco.
- Delivery **allowed**.
- Establishes minimum operating hours at **35 hours per week**.

Note: There are 12 flower stand locations that are currently unoccupied. Operators will need to **build their own stand** at these locations per Public Works specifications.

What Would Change

CURRENT REQUIREMENTS

- Permit needs Board of Supervisors approval.
- Requires vendor to sell flowers and corsages.
- Prohibits leasing or subleasing.
- Names 16 legislated locations.
- Permit fees at \$100 per quarter and \$30 per employee.

UNDER THIS ORDINANCE

- **Confirms Director of Public Works' authority** over sidewalk flower-vending stand permits.
- Requires vendor to sell a minimum of 75% flowers **and plants**.
- **Prohibits** leasing or subleasing.
- **Maintains** 16 legislated locations.
- Permit fees at \$1299 plus assessment annually.
- Authorizes Public Works to collaborate with the **Office of Small Business** to issue flower stand permits and identify qualified and eligible operators.
- Only non-formula retail allowed.

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MAP OF FLOWER STANDS

LOCATIONS (16)

- Grant Ave/Geary
- Stockton/Geary
- Stockton/Ellis St.
- Stockton/O'Farrell**
- 250 Post Street
- Powell St / Geary
- Powell St / Eddy
- 835 Market Street
- Post St / Powell
- 16th St / Market**
- Market St / Spear**
(101 Market)
- Market St /Main
- (215 Market St)
- Montgomery /**
Market / Post St.
- Columbus/Powell
- Harvey Milk Plaza





Thank you.

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