

Mobile vendors face strict new regulations

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Hot dog vendors, flower sellers and other mobile vendors had strict regulations put in place at last week's Whitchurch-Stouffville council meeting to determine where and when they can set up shop.

Previously, Councillor Phil

Bannon had expressed concern about where such vendors might locate.

There was some concern valuable parking space could be lost in Stouffville's downtown core because of vendors locating there.

Ice cream trucks aren't included in this bylaw.

Although only about three or

four inquiries have come to the town from such vendors, the bylaw was put in place in anticipation of new growth coming to Stouffville, Colleen Clarke of the town's bylaw department said.

According to the new bylaw, mobile vendors would have to stay 50 metres back from the nearest signalized intersection.

Their cart must stay a minimum of three feet from roads or highways including sidewalks.

That effectively restricts vendors to private property, zoned retail, which would include large stores such as Canadian Tire and Wal-Mart.

Vendors are, however, not allowed to set up shop in parking lots.

The intent of the bylaw, said Ms Clarke, is to address nuisance and health and safety concerns.

The bylaw would apply mainly to the large department stores that are coming with future big box developments. Geranium Corp. is in the process of building a big box centre on Hwy. 48 south of Stouffville.

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