



Ministerie van Toerisme, Economische Zaken, Verkeer en Telecommunicatie

Ministry of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Traffic and
Telecommunication

POLICY: MORATORIUM ON VENDING PERMITS

1. PURPOSE

This policy establishes parameters on the issuance of vending permits (mobile and immobile).

2. APPLICATION

This policy applies to all new applications for vending permits (mobile and immobile), with the exemption of vending permits for less than 21 days (e.g. Carnival and special events).

3. GOALS & PRINCIPLES

The Ministry of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Transport and Telecommunication (TEZVT) believes in the general interest and preservation of the economic development of the market.

Allowing or issuing additional vending permits, could entail consequences that do injustice to the existing vendors, with the end result providing a quality of service that will not benefit the economy of St. Maarten. The Government has the task to prevent such a negative impact on the vending industry, and therefore puts this moratorium in place.

Implementation of this moratorium was decided after consideration of:

- i. The fact that the government needs time to review the basis for further development of the vending permits through new and additional entry of vendors;
- ii. The fact that the government needs time to verify the impact of the current composition of the vending industry, its penetration and the quality of its service on the economy of St. Maarten;
- iii. The fact that the Government has to prepare a new vending policy with particular attention to the services offered and in which areas, to determine to which extent the needs of consumers in St. Maarten are satisfied and to which extent the economic growth is driven on St. Maarten.

4. POLICY

- i. Effective immediately a temporary stop on all applications for vending permits (mobile and immobile) has been implemented.
- ii. This moratorium applies for one (1) year, starting from February 19, 2014 and ending on February 18, 2015.
- iii. Only vending permits for less than 21 days, are exempted from this moratorium (e.g. Carnival and special events).
- iv. The moratorium applies to all applicants, each applicant must be informed of this moratorium.
- v. The department of economic licenses and the control department are responsible for the monitoring of this moratorium.

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