

2024 WINTERFEST COLUMBUS FOOD VENDOR GUIDELINES

Vendors are required to obtain all licenses and permits as required by law. A description of the licenses/permits, the procedure for obtaining each license/permit, the name of the issuing office, and the application costs are outlined below.

1) Vendor Fees

- 10% of each food vendor's gross sales. Cash or check made out to Class Acts Columbus will be collected by a representative from Class Acts Columbus (the City's fiscal agent).
- There are no rain dates for the Event and no refunds due to weather conditions.

2) Indemnification/Insurance

- Each vendor will be required to maintain a \$1,000,000 liability insurance policy covering bodily injury and property damage as well as agree to indemnify and hold the City of Columbus, Class Acts Columbus, Inc. (Event's Fiscal Agent), its officials, employees, agents, and sponsors harmless from and against any and all suits, claims, demands, costs, damages, counsel fees, charges, liabilities, and expenses which may at any time be sustained by consequences of any act or negligence of the vendor's business, its employees, agents, or volunteers.
- **The City of Columbus, Office of Special Events, 1111 E. Broad Street, Suite 101, Columbus, Ohio 43205 shall be named as additional insured on such policy, valid through August 18, 2024, at minimum.**
- Insurance policy verification, including the City of Columbus, **must be submitted no later than November 1.**
- Vendors must provide proof of insurance before they will be permitted on-site at the Event.

3) Health Licenses

- A **Temporary Food Service License** is required for all food vendors not issued an annual mobile food license from any board of health in the State of Ohio.
- Food vendors operating under a Temporary Food Service License must submit their application to Columbus Public Health by **November 1**. **No Temporary Food Service License applications will be accepted on-site.**
- All food vendors will be inspected by Columbus Public Health. Beginning at **10:00 am** on **Saturday, December 7** a Columbus Public Health representative will inspect all booths for proper washing facilities, proper sanitation, food temperatures, flooring, and other health department regulations. Licenses will be issued to each vendor on-site once Health Inspectors have determined that the vending operation meets city regulations. Your license **must be** displayed at your vending site throughout the entire Event.
- Food concessionaires may not sell food to public until they have been inspected by the Health Inspector.
- Columbus Public Health will make periodic checks of the vending area throughout the Event to be sure you are operating your booth according to city regulations. If violations are found, they will close your food operation until you comply with health standards.

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- Food vendors cited for health code violations by Columbus Public Health during the Event will be ineligible for participation in future Events pending review by Event Management.

Steps for obtaining a Temporary Food Service License:

Complete the City of Columbus Public Health [Temporary Food Service License Application](#), include a check for **\$30 per day payable to Columbus City Treasurer** and submit a drawing of your booth set-up (cooking, food preparation and serving areas).

Send application and payment by **November 1** to:

**Columbus Public Health
Environmental Health License Program
240 Parsons Ave
Columbus, Ohio 43215**

Food Security at Events:

Food vendors should be aware of the actions in and around all temporary food operations. To prevent food contamination Columbus Public Health makes the following recommendations for securing your Event site:

- Restrict the access of non-employees to the food operation.
- Monitor the arrival of deliveries and restrict the times deliveries can be made.
- Create barriers between temporary food operations and the public.
- Train, monitor and supervise employees/volunteers on security procedures.
- Lock food storage areas and make sure they are in areas that are well lit.
- Limit public access to Event water supply and electrical connections.

For questions related to mobile food service operations in the City of Columbus please contact:

**Columbus Public Health
Environmental Health License Program
Tim Basak
240 Parsons Ave
Columbus, Ohio 43215
(614) 645-6741
Email: tjbasak@columbus.gov**

4) Fire Permits/Licenses

- Mobile Food Vendors (MFV) OPERATING IN the City of Columbus are required to acquire and maintain a City of Columbus MFV License.
- Non-Columbus licensed Mobile Food Vendors VISITING the City of Columbus are only allowed to operate at “city sanctioned” Special Events or Festivals and are required to meet the State of Ohio Fire Code regarding MFV operations and are required to pass a Division of Fire safety inspection (at the event site) prior to the event before being permitted to operate.
- The Division of Fire will conduct an inspection each day of the Event and issue permits to each person operating in a temporary structure or using propane. During

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the inspection all tents, cooking equipment, appliances and compressed/flammable gas tanks will be checked for compliance with standards of City Code 2501.23 and NFPA #58.

- **Inspections will begin at 10:00 am on Saturday, December 7. All vendors must have propane tanks on hand and be ready to operate to be inspected.**
- Food vendors cited for fire code violations by Columbus Division of Fire during the Event will be ineligible for participation in future Events pending review by Event Management.

Propane Pressure Leak Test (PPLT):

- **ALL vendors using propane are required to have documentation certifying a PPLT has been performed and passed. This test must be administered by a certified propane technician within the last 12 months. Documentation for the PPLT must be displayed at your vending site throughout the entire Event.**
- This test is to be completed **PRIOR** to the Event and must be performed by a Licensed Propane Technician or Licensed Plumber (State Certification/License# will need to be provided in paperwork).
- **ALL vendors using propane must confirm status of PPLT or provide a copy of the PPLT documentation, if available, to Event Management by November 1.**

Please note the following Division of Fire regulations:

Food concessionaires may not prepare food until they have been inspected by City Fire Inspectors.

- **A new or recharged 40BC rated fire extinguisher must be available at each cooking location. Additionally, a Class K extinguisher is required for vendors cooking with vegetable or animal oils or fat.**
- No open-flame or “deep fry” cooking will be allowed under a tent or canopy. Such cooking must occur under a metal awning.
- All LPG tanks must be secured by a steel chain or cable.
- All LPG tanks must have a safety ring on them while in use, and a safety cap when they are not in use.
- LPG tanks with an expired requalification date shall not be refilled or used until requalified in accordance with DOT regulations.
- Hoses connected to LPG tanks must be marked “LP GAS PROPANE, 350PSI WORKING PRESSURE”.
- Charcoal grills may not be used under a tent or canopy and all ashes must be disposed of in a metal container. At least 5 gallons of water must be kept next to the grill during cooking.

If you have questions about your equipment’s ability to pass inspection please contact:

**City of Columbus, Division of Fire
3639 Parsons Ave.
Columbus, Ohio 43207-4054
Attention: Public Assembly Inspections Office**

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(614) 645-7641/ Fax: (614) 645-4245

Email: CFDevents@columbus.gov

5) Food Vending Rules

- **Signage** – Vendors are responsible for providing signage identifying their booth, food items, and prices. Signage must be clean, attractive and properly installed for safety and able to withstand high winds and other weather conditions. When planning signage, consider size of space purchased and speed of installation. Do NOT block the street during set-up – a 20' fire lane must be maintained at all times. Signage must all fit within space purchased and anchoring cables, ropes, etc. may not extend beyond the front of your booth. No signage can be tied to tent barrels. Vendor must provide own weighted anchoring system for signage. Nothing may be tied to trees, light poles or traffic signs. Event Management reserves the right to require removal of any signage not meeting installation guidelines or considered to be unsafe or undesirable to the Event. No vendor shall display any form of political advertising.
- **Branded Items** – Items branded with commercial names other than the vendor's own brand are prohibited. This includes, but not limited to branded items such as umbrellas, tents, signage, etc. (Example – NO beer branded umbrellas or soft drink branded tent, etc.) Event Management may make an exception for items branded with Event sponsor or participant brands on a case by case basis.
- **Sampling/Coupons** – Any food samples or coupons distributed by vendors must be distributed from the booth or directly in front of your booth.
- **Souvenir Items** - Event Management reserves the exclusive rights to sell all Event branded souvenirs. No vendors may use the Event mark or logo for any purpose without prior approval. Vendors may sell their own merchandise branded with the Vendor's mark or logo.

6) Speed of Service

- Vendors must do their best to keep customer lines reasonable. Vendors may not intentionally provide slow service to create lines at their booth.

7) PA Systems/Music

- Music may be broadcast inside of booth space so long as the sound does not carry into the adjoining booth spaces or negatively impact the Event stage entertainment. All music must be family friendly. No live entertainment is allowed inside or outside booth space. Bullhorns and megaphones are not allowed and "Barking" is not permitted. Event Management reserves the right to adjust the volume level and/or placement of PA system in each booth space. **Failure to comply will result elimination from future Events pending review by Event Management.**

8) Objectionable Products, Material or Conduct

- Event Management takes pride in hosting a quality, safe, family event that disallows anything obscene, vulgar or distasteful from being offered for sale or put on display. Our family policy also includes zero tolerance for obscene, vulgar or distasteful actions from any vendors and their staff or volunteers.

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- Any item that could be used as or considered a weapon, including but not limited to stun guns, cap guns, Tasers, mace, pepper spray, or similar items that are considered a defense item, or any items that simulate weapons are not allowed on the Event site.
- Selling or giving away smoke bombs, sparklers, canned string, laser pointers, roach clips, drug paraphernalia of any kind, offensive tee-shirts (sexually suggestive or explicit), or other items considered annoying or a nuisance are strictly prohibited.

9) Space Assignment

- Event Management reserves the right to make the final determination of all space assignments. There is no guarantee of vending location from year to year either stated or implied and no space shall be sublet.
- Vending Applications are not transferable without permission of the Event Management.
- All space is **RENTABLE**, including additional feet needed for trailers, side cooking, trailer hitches, signage, etc. Event Management will conduct a space audit. Any vendor using more footage than what they have purchased will be required to move their property into the allotted space or will be charged for the additional space.

10) Set-Up and Teardown

- Designated set-up instructions, site access passes and load-in times will be determined once City of Columbus permits the street closure. Everyone will have adequate time to set up their vending operations in time for the inspections by Columbus Public Health and Division of Fire.

Vendor Load-in: **Saturday, December 7, 2024, 9:00a.m. – 10:00a.m.**

Vendor operating hours: **Saturday, December 7, 2024, 11:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.**

Immediately following the close of the Event, vendors must remove signs, equipment, decorations, tape, etc. from tents. All rented tents, tent lighting and electrical equipment will be removed by the appropriate contractors.

11) Site Access, Parking, & Support Vehicles

- **No parking will be provided for vendor staff.**

During set-up and teardown, all vehicles must be stopped/parked to allow a clear vehicular path. No vehicles are allowed on the Event site during Event hours. All unauthorized vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense.

12) Water Service

- Event Management will **not** provide water service. Vendors are responsible for providing all necessary water.

13) Wastewater Disposal

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- Event Management will **not** provide wastewater removal services. Vendors are responsible for removing and disposal of all wastewater offsite.

14) Individual Portable Restrooms

- Only Event Management is allowed to obtain and place portable restroom units at the Event site.

15) Propane

- Vendors needing propane must order directly from a propane supplier. Local supplier and Certified Propane Technician for PPLT:
 - Nimco Propane (formerly Selby Gas): 740-596-4477
E-mail: nimcogas@outlook.com

16) Ice

- Ice will **not** be available on-site. Vendors are responsible for providing all necessary ice.

17) Menu Items

- **The following items will NOT be considered:**
 - i. **Alcoholic Beverages**
- Event Management has control over any and all food products sold or given away at Event. Vendors agree to abide by Event Management standards on reasonable portion sizes and prices. All menus will be checked on-site for compliance.
- If there are questions about the eligibility of menu items, contact Event Management.

18) Food Vouchers

- Event Management reserves the right to produce and distribute food vouchers to be redeemed at Vendor booths during the Event. Each voucher will have a set monetary value. All redeemed vouchers will be reimbursed to Vendors by Event Management at the end of the event.

19) Site Security

- **Event Management will provide overnight and crowd control security for the site.** Event Management and producers of the Event do not assume any liability for vendor's property.

20) Electrical Services (Appendix A)

- Generators are **not** permitted.
- An electric source will be provided within 100 feet of all vendor locations.
- Vendors are responsible for providing all necessary electrical cables and **GFIs**.
- If you need assistance determining electrical needs for your operation or need 3 Phase Electric, please contact Springfield ACME Electric Company: 1-800-841-4214.

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21) Tents

If you provide your own tent, you must provide your own weights to secure the tent (NO STAKING).

- 40lbs per tent leg is recommended for 10'x10' tents.
- 80lbs per tent leg is recommended for tents larger than 10'x10'.
- Tents will be inspected by Columbus Fire and Building Inspectors and must have the flame-retardant tag attached in order to open for business.

If renting a tent through the Event, your tent will include tent lighting, water barrels, and 20 amps for the tent lights ONLY. (This electricity may not be used for any other item.) All tents secured through the Event are rented on your behalf by Event Management and will remain on-site throughout the Event. Participants will be held responsible for any and all damage to the tent.

- **Tent Lighting** – If you provide your own tent you must also provide your own lighting. Lighting must be equipped with standard 110v grounded Edison type plug and adequate cord length to reach Event electric service locations. No exposed light bulbs permitted.
- **Tables/Chairs** – If you require tables and chairs at your vending site, you must provide them.

22) Grease/Charcoal Ash Disposal

- Event Management will **not** provide grease, charcoal or ash removal services. Vendors are responsible for removing and disposal of all waste offsite.

23) Trash Removal

- Vendors must supply their own trash receptacles and bags for use at their booth. Booth area must remain clean and neat at all times. Do not allow trash to build up at your booth.
- All trash, temporary booth floor coverings and pallets must be transported to the dumpsters located in the support areas of the Event.

24) Damages/ Clean-Up Fees

- Any damages to festival grounds adjacent to vending space; and all Event owned or leased equipment will be billed to vendor responsible for damage.
- There will be an automatic elimination from future Events pending review by Event Management for draining wastewater into booth space during event and washing equipment on-site.

At the close of the Event, remember to:

- Place pallets, garbage, or other debris from the vending site in appropriate **steel dumpsters located in Event support areas**. Do not leave these items in your booth space, in the street or **next to** trash containers or dumpsters.
- Clean all areas within booth space and sweep your vending site. Pressure washing of grills on Event site is not permitted.
- Damage to any grass, landscaping, etc. will be billed to vendor responsible for damage. Failure to pay any assessed fines will result in loss of participation in future events.

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Event Management reserves the right to determine the clean-up appropriateness of a site. No food preparation is allowed on brick sidewalks. Nothing may be placed on or dumped onto any grass areas. You will be charged for any damages or labor expenses associated with clean up provided by Event Management and/or the City of Columbus. Final inspection of a site's cleanliness will take place on Sunday night and Monday morning, after the completion of Event. Failure to pay any assessed fines will result in loss of participation in future events.

APPENDIX A ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS

In order to have electrical equipment energized participating vendors must meet the following requirements outlined in the National Electric Code (NEC). Springfield ACME Electric has been contracted to provide power distribution for the event and will only furnish power to vendors that are in compliance. If you have questions about the level of service your operation will require contact **Springfield ACME Electric: Aaron McCurdy 1-800-841-4214; FAX: 937/325-5534**

1. An electric source will be provided within 100 ft. of all vendor locations.
2. All 220-volt requirements **MUST** be prearranged one week prior to the event (1-800-841-4214)
Any vendor requiring 220 must have at least 100 ft. of properly sized grounded cable.
3. Vendors must supply their own grounded extension cords for every 2000 watts consumed – 1 extension cord for each major appliance. Be prepared with several extension cords if you are bringing several appliances.
4. Extension cords should be at least #12/2 gauge wire with ground rated for 120 volts. Each cord must have ground fault circuit interrupter protection (GFCI). Cord connections cannot lie on the ground. Power strips or multi-outlet strips may **NOT** be used for food/cooking environment; these strips are not designed for heat resistant loads. Each vendor is responsible for the GFCI to protect each piece of equipment.
5. All temporary lighting must have a fixture or guard that will protect it from accidental breakage. Quartz lighting cannot be left on overnight at any vending site.
6. Any operations, which require on-site grounding, will have ground rods driven and grounding conductors terminated by the vendors involved.
7. Vendors with defective panels or electrical equipment will be denied power connections to ACME Electric's distribution system until the deficiencies are corrected.

ACME Electric has been hired by Event Management to provide power distribution services and is not responsible for repairing vendor's defective equipment. ACME

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Electric is also not liable for any fluctuations in voltage in the power it receives from the Columbus Division of Power.

Springfield ACME Electric Company does NOT hardwire electric or provide plugs to vendors on-site.

ACME's standard equipment utilizes these plugs: **Nema #14-50 and Nema #L21-30P** and vendors must provide appropriate plugs to connect. If you have these plugs you may connect to their equipment at any time. ACME's equipment also contains female "mini-cam" connections which provide up to 100 Amps of power. Vendors may supply their own tales or, "mini-cam" connectors can be ordered from ACME prior to the festival.

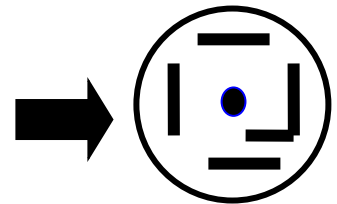
Additional Electrical outlets:

20 Amp 120 volt single-phase receptacle (up to 2000 watts)

Plug Configuration

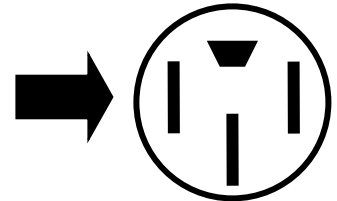
30 Amp 120/208 volt hook up *(NEMA #L21-30P)

Manufactured by Hubbell, part # HBL2811, HBL2811CN, HBL2815



50 Amp 120/208 volt hook up *(NEMA #14-50P)

Manufactured by Hubbell, part # HBL9451c, HBL9452c



100 Amp 120/208 volt hook up *(15 series Leviton single pin connectors) – Also known as "mini cams"

*Catalog # Green 15D21-G, White 15D21-W, Black 15D21-E, Red 15D21R – Electrician will NOT assemble on site.

For more information contact:

Springfield ACME Electric – Aaron McCurdy, 1-800-841-4214, FAX: 937/325-5534