

2026 Chicago Food Truck Festival Vendor Contract

Vendor responsibilities

Each vendor is required to obtain the necessary permits through the City of Chicago. You will need to bring your own setup. For our new vendors please submit a photo of your setup with your application. Signage and menu should be visible for patrons during the event operation hours.

Event setup instructions

The festival committee will begin setting up at 6:00am Saturday morning. Food vendors may begin to arrive at 8:00am to begin setup. Spots are based on arrival. First arrival will be escorted into place by security. **Trucks cannot just park and unload.** First arrivals should drive south toward E 24th Pl. Gates open to the public at 10:00am and trucks must be ready to serve the public. Any truck that is not ready to serve may be reflected in public reviews — we will direct guests to your review and rating page.

Beverages

No beverages — bottled or otherwise — may be sold or given away without prior consent. If any vendor is found breaking this rule without prior consent, you will be asked to close shop and will not be approved to return to the festival.

Indemnification

Vendors shall indemnify and save and hold harmless the City of Chicago, Chicago Food Truck Festival, Maned Owl Events, LLC, and all parent and holding companies, its Board of Directors and its officers, agents and employees from and against any and all loss, liability, damage, cost and expense, including but not limited to reasonable attorney fees, for injury, death loss or damage of whatever nature to any person, property or any other claim by Vendor or its officers, employees,

agents, customers, licensees, invitees or any other person, firm or corporation resulting from the occupancy of the Premises.

This indemnification shall not extend to any loss, liability, damage, cost or expense caused by the act or omission of Chicago Food Truck Fest and Maned Owl Events, LLC, and its Board of Directors, and their respective officers, agents and employees. All vendors release the right to be used in film and photography by the Chicago Food Truck Festival to be used for marketing, advertising and media purposes and any creative method used by the Chicago Food Truck Festival and Maned Owl Events, LLC and its parents and subsidiaries.

Thank you for your application to this year's festival. We are honored to be hosting this event. With your ongoing support and commitment to the mobile food community you have helped to create one of the best events Chicago has to offer! We are looking forward to working with all of you again this summer.

Laws & permits

All food vendors must comply with all local, state and federal applicable laws. All food vendors are responsible for obtaining all required business licenses, permits and taxes for operation. All food vendors must submit all the supplementary documents as requested in the application instructions.

Right to use space

Each food vendor must submit the site fee in full as set forth in application instructions. If food vendor fails to get City of Chicago permit, then deposit will not be refunded, nor will vendor be granted space at the event. After the City of Chicago permit and supplemental documents are received Chicago Food Truck Fest will grant food vendor right to utilize space in accordance with all applicable state and city laws and the terms set out below. The right to space is non-transferable. There are no warranties or guarantees. As the event is a rain or shine event.

Once the application is accepted no refund shall be granted whatsoever. As the event is a rain or shine event. Acts of God, terrorism, war resulting in event cancellation will not warrant a refund. The space is being rented as-is. Vendors are recommended to bring own power source. In case, vendor recommended bringing an extension. All food vendors must stay within the bounds of the allocated spot. All food vendor spaces will be assigned before festival in email communications. No vendors may utilize amplified sound without prior written consent. All food vendors must be setup and ready by 10:00am and vacate two hours after the event has ended. Furthermore, vendors may not vacate premises until the festival ends. Only food trucks are allowed within the event after 10:00am until 8:00pm. No exceptions. All vendors must remove trash before departing and dump it into proper festival trash receptacles. \$200 fine is imposed on any and all trash remaining. No hot coals may be dumped in festival trash dumpsters. As fire may result. \$1200 fine will be imposed on any infractions. All terms of use of the vendor application, instructions, notes and communications are made applicable within this contract.

Merchandise: barred items

Chicago Food Truck Fest and agents, employees reserve the right to inspect all vendors merchandise to ensure as specified in application item to be sold. No vendor may sell any items in prohibition by Illinois law such as baby formula, pharmaceuticals, drugs and the likes. No vendor may sell counterfeit and/or stolen merchandise.

Indemnification and release

Vendors will release and hold harmless Chicago Food Truck Festival, its agents, employees, volunteers, venue, Maned Owl Events, LLC and Maned Owl Events, LLC Holdings its agents, employees or representatives from any and all claims resulting from harm, damage

and/or losses associated with the festival. And agree to be filmed and photographed for marketing, advertising and social media purposes.

Advertising

All advertising by vendors must be done at cost and must gain written permission from Chicago Food Truck Fest.

Revocation of selling privileges: termination & litigation

Any vendor who evades payment of any all-applicable fees, fines or the likes will result in termination of contract. Chicago Food Truck Fest is a multicultural event, and no form of discrimination will be tolerated. Such acts will result in termination of the contract. Any vendor complaints with reasonable proof as to misrepresentation of products; giving false information of the product type, consistency, origin, condition or quality will range from termination of this contract to actionable offense. Any vendor who fails to comply with any Federal, State and/or Local Laws will result in immediate termination of the contract and may result in legal action. Chicago Food Truck Fest reserves the right to modify any/and all rules within at written notice to the vendor.

Fees (as listed)

Select dates	Fees	Vendor
Saturday, June 20, 2026	\$1,150 single day	food
Sunday, June 21, 2026	\$1,150 single day	food
Saturday, June 20, 2026	\$2,110 two days	food
Sunday, June 21, 2026		
Saturday, June 20, 2026	\$550 single day	retail
Saturday, June 20, 2026	\$1,000 two days	retail
Sunday, June 21, 2026		