

HUBFEST Policies, Rules and Regulations

ALL VENDORS

1. Due to the limited number of available booth spaces, vendor applications will be reviewed and selected by the Area Development Partnership ("ADP") in the order received. ADP members will be given top priority. Following notification of acceptance by the ADP, selected vendors must submit payment and required documents within two weeks in order for booth space and vendor to be confirmed. **If payment is not received within allotted time, booth space will be forfeited.**
2. Vendors must supply their own tables/tents/chairs/etc. for set up.
3. Electricity will be available in specific areas (mostly food areas). There is an additional fee if you need electricity. (See below for more guidelines regarding access to electricity)
4. Generators will not be allowed unless they are quiet and approved by the ADP prior to the event.
5. Sharing of booth space between multiple vendors is not allowed.
6. No booths containing brand imitations, weapons, drug paraphernalia, tobacco, obscene, illegal, or offensive products of any kind will be accepted. Loud music will not be allowed.
7. **BOOTH FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE & NON-TRANSFERABLE.**
8. The festival is held rain or shine unless severe weather conditions become probable. All decisions regarding cancellation or postponement of the festival will be made at the sole discretion of the ADP, based upon close consultation with weather experts. **NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN.**
9. In the event of inclement weather, the weather contingency date is April 18, 2026. The ADP reserves the right to cancel or postpone the event at any time including on the day of the festival due to inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances. No other contingency dates will be set. **NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN** if the event is fully cancelled or if a vendor cannot attend on the contingency date.
10. No food or beverages may be sold by arts/crafts/business/info booths.
11. Any food and beverage vendor selling or giving away beverages **(including water)** may only sell/distribute **Coke** products which **MUST** be purchased from the **Hattiesburg Coca-Cola Bottling Company**. Full details for ordering will be sent to all approved food vendors.
12. **ALL** food vendors participating in HUBFEST must have at least \$1,000,000 of liability insurance for the event. Upon acceptance to the festival, vendors will be required to name The Area Development Partnership and HUBFEST as additional insured for the event. Certificate of insurance reflecting this coverage **MUST** be received by the ADP no later than 2 weeks following acceptance.
13. All food vendors are responsible to meet the requirements of the Hattiesburg Fire Department and Health Department including but not limited to proper fire extinguisher for your type of cooking (K-rated extinguishers are required for food vendors cooking with grease), proper temperature controls, proper food handling and food storage.
14. All craft and business vendors must collect and remit 7% sales tax. Food and beverage vendors are required to collect and remit 10% sales tax. All vendors will be provided with a sales tax form and envelope for tax collections and must turn in collected tax at the designated ADP location at the end of the day. **Vendors who do not submit sales tax at the end of the day via cash/check will be reported for collection and will NOT be allowed to participate in the festival again. If there are NO sales, vendors with no sales must still turn in their sales tax envelope and sheet indicating there were no booth sales. All tax submittals MUST be dropped off at the designated ADP location no later than 5:30 pm.**
15. Setup will take place between 5:00 am and 8:00 am Saturday morning. All booths must be broken down no earlier than 5:00 pm and no later than 6:00 pm. You will not be permitted to set up unless your booth fee has been paid in full.
16. The ADP reserves the right to refuse any application.

17. If any vendor fails to comply with the regulations, Vendor will be unable to participate in future events managed by the ADP and may be asked to leave HUBFEST.

ELECTRICITY

The City of Hattiesburg will provide power only to available locations, and only to vendors who have requested (and paid for) power **30 days prior to the festival**. Electricity will be available to vendors whose products **require** power to function or for product demonstration. Vendors will not be able to access power for things such as cash registers, fans, etc. Vendors are responsible for indicating how much power is needed for their booth.

The city can provide either: -110 Volt (up to 30 amps) - 220 Volt (up to 30 amps)

Vendors requiring power must PROVIDE the following:

1. Size of breaker needed (Must provide at least **30 days prior to festival**)
2. Grounded extension cord at least 10 feet long

***** If the above requirements are not met and the Vendor is unable to connect to electricity on the day of the festival, the Vendor holds all responsibility, and the ADP reserves the right to remove Vendor/Booth from the festival.**

WATER

- Water is **ONLY** available to food and beverage vendors.
- The City of Hattiesburg will provide water only to available locations, and only to vendors who have requested (and paid for) water 30 days prior to the festival. **Vendors are responsible for providing hoses.**

INSPECTION

All vendors preparing food on-site are required to adhere to the operation requirements issued by the Hattiesburg Fire Department. Vendors will be asked to complete an inspection at least **30 days prior to festival**. Please view the Food Vendor Operation Requirements form. Further details concerning scheduling an inspection will be provided upon acceptance into the festival.