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July 23, 24, 25, 2026

RICHARD J. NOTTE STERLING HEIGHTS CITY CENTER
STERLING HEIGHTS, MICHIGAN

APPLICATION DEADLINE
FEBRUARY 28, 2026



The chance to be a part of a unique city festival featuring the work of great artists and crafters is now!

Join us July 23-25, 2026
in Sterling Heights, Michigan
for the

2026
Sterlingfest
Art & Music Fair

Renowned as one of Michigan's best-run and best-attended festivals, (including earning the Detroit News' "Michigan's BEST Summer Festival" title), Sterlingfest's combination of arts & crafts, music and food means three days of sun-drenched, summertime fun every year. Now in its 44th year, Sterlingfest mixes the tradition of an arts & crafts fair with a jazz and blues stage, a Suds 'n' Sounds stage, Kidzfest children's activities and entertainment stage, a family midway, food trucks and a main concert stage.

Since Sterlingfest's beginning, visitors to the arts & crafts show browse and purchase exquisite sculptures, watercolor paintings, striking photographs and many other unique hand-crafted items offered by juried exhibitors. The Sterlingfest Art & Music Fair is set in a street fair-like setting at the heart of Sterling Heights, Michigan. Artists show and sell their work with a backdrop of lively music from the jazz and blues stage. Visitors can stroll past the City's historic Upton House Museum, and along the Sterling Heights sculpture walk, featuring the City's public art along with a "SterlingScapes" exhibit of large-scale outdoor sculptures.

The 2026 Sterlingfest schedule of events features a variety of great music to keep visitors entertained, including jazz, blues, folk and Top 40 entertainment. Plus, free fun activities for the kids allow mom and dad to take their time in the arts & crafts fair. It adds up to a financially rewarding opportunity not to be missed!

Please fill out this application and join us July 23-25 for the 44th annual Sterlingfest Art & Music Fair.

Application deadline is February 28, 2026.

For more information, please call the city of Sterling Heights Community Relations Department at (586) 446-CITY(2489), e-mail us at cityhall@sterlingheights.gov, visit us online at sterlingfest.info or "Like Us" at facebook.com/sterlingfest.

Sincerely,

Melanie D. Davis, Director
Community Relations Department

**www.sterlingfest.info
www.facebook.com/sterlingfest**

FOOD VENDOR ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS

- Vendors will be selected based on the demand for their chosen menu items. Applicants will be evaluated prior to selection for year-round sanitation, food handling and ability to produce high volume sales
- Applicants must possess a Macomb County Michigan Health Department license and any other necessary licenses and permits
- Proof of ownership is required

BOOTH SPACE

- 12' x 12'

Send footprint dimensions if different

- **Clean, flame-retardant tents ONLY.** Per International and Sterling Heights Fire Code (Sec. 2404): Tents/fabric cover shall have a permanently affixed label bearing a fire safe label. If not attached, owner must provide certification that the fabric has been treated with flame-retardant solution, etc. Certification must be retained on the premises at all times
- Water and power hookups will be considered, but cannot be guaranteed

GENERAL SERVICES

- Garbage/Table Cleanup, Participation Posters, Newspaper Direct Mail, Radio, Social Media

OTHER ATTRACTIONS

- Live blues, jazz and other performance artists
- "KidzFest" and Family Midway
- Sterlingfest Suds 'n' Sounds Pavilion area with food trucks and continuous family entertainment
- Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening concerts
- Drone Show following Thursday concerts

FOOD VENDORS MUST AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- **Do not submit payment with this application**
- Vendors selected to participate will be invoiced after acceptance and will have 30 days to pay before their space is released to another vendor.
- Hours of operation will be Thursday, Friday & Saturday July 23-25, 2026, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Participants must be set up and ready to sell from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

- **No cancellation refunds made after Thursday, June 4, 2026. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- Must agree to serve only the food items mentioned in this contract. There is a limit of five items per booth.
- The price for each menu item can range from \$1 to \$10. Any variation from this pricing limit must be approved by the city of Sterling Heights.
- Servers must be properly attired; i.e.: apron, uniform, etc.
- Beverage costs will be determined and set by the City and by the consensus of all vendors to ensure equal sales.
- Each vendor will be assigned a location for set up.
- Participants are responsible for securing any and all necessary equipment for their operation. All equipment must meet Macomb County Health Department safety and health standards.
- Vehicles and vans must be parked in the food vendors' lot only. Supplies must be transported by carts or wagons to tents ONLY. Vendors will be provided with a vehicle pass.
- Vendors are responsible for their own set up.
- No storage is available.
- Vendors must have employees on staff during all hours of operation.
- The City of Sterling Heights and Sterlingfest 2026 reserves the right to request a change of menu items to eliminate an abundance of duplicate items.

• **NOTE: The City of Sterling Heights Reserves The Right To Remove Any Vendor Who Does Not Adhere To Any One Of The Above Mentioned Criteria At The Fair. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

FESTIVAL LAYOUT UPDATE FOR 2026:

- In past years, Restaurant Row was located between the Midway Carnival and the Suds 'n' Sounds Stage. This year, Restaurant Row will be replaced entirely by food trucks. All food truck vendors will be centrally located in this area, creating a more vibrant and accessible dining experience for festival attendees.
- In addition, the Midway Carnival and the Arts and Crafts area will be swapping locations for 2026. With this change, the Art Fair, food trucks, snack vendors and live music will all be located in the heart of Dodge Park, creating a more cohesive and walkable festival experience.
- Additional details, including an updated festival map, will be provided at a later date.

FOOD VENDOR BOOTH FEE: \$690

(Flat fee, no commission due)

Do not submit payment with this application.

Vendors that are accepted to participate will be invoiced by the City of Sterling Heights after acceptance.

Payable by Check or Credit Card

A 2.8% PROCESSING FEE WILL BE ADDED TO ALL CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS



Application

DEADLINE: Saturday, February 28, 2026

Please Print Clearly or Type:

Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Business/Cell Phone: _____

<u>MENU ITEM</u>
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

<u>PRICE</u>
\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____

<u>APPROX. SIZE</u>

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

- Please submit this completed application by:
Saturday, February 28, 2026.
- **Do not send payment with your application.**
- All applications will be reviewed by the Sterlingfest team. Vendors selected to participate will be notified and provided with payment instructions at that time.

PAYMENT INFORMATION (FOR ACCEPTED VENDORS ONLY)

- Vendors that are accepted into the 2026 Sterlingfest Art and Music Fair will be required to submit the participation fee of \$690 per 12 x 12 space after acceptance.
- Payment will not be collected until after acceptance has been confirmed.
- Accepted vendors will receive an invoice and payment instructions from the City of Sterling Heights.
- A 2.8% processing fee will be added to all credit card payments.

AGREEMENT TO RELEASE, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD THE CITY OF STERLING HEIGHTS HARMLESS FROM LIABILITY

In consideration of and as a condition of approval to participate in the 2026 Sterlingfest Art & Music Fair, vendor agrees as follows:

- A. Vendor agrees to release from liability and not to sue the City of Sterling Heights, its elected and appointed officials, employees, agents, and volunteers for any losses, costs, expenses (including attorneys' fees), damages, liabilities, or claims arising out of injuries to persons or property during Sterlingfest, except for damages caused by or resulting from the city's sole negligence.
- B. Vendor agrees to the fullest extent permitted by law to indemnify and hold the City of Sterling Heights, its elected and appointed officials, employees, agents, and volunteers harmless against any losses, costs, expenses (including attorneys' fees), damages, liabilities, or claims whether groundless or not, arising out of bodily injury, sickness or disease, including death resulting at any time there from, which may be sustained or claimed by any person or persons, or damages to any property, (including the loss of use thereof) based on any act or omission, negligent or otherwise, of vendor or anyone else acting on its behalf, relating to any activity associated with Sterlingfest, except that vendor shall not be responsible for indemnification to the city for damages caused by or resulting from the City's sole negligence; and vendor shall at its own cost and expense, defend any such claim and any suit, action or proceeding which may be commenced hereunder and vendor shall pay any and all judgments which may be recovered in any suit, action or proceeding and any and all expenses, including but not limited to costs, attorneys' fees and settlement expenses as they relate in any way to any activity associated with Sterlingfest.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**COMPLETE APPLICATION AND MAIL
OR E-MAIL TO: dbondarek@sterlingheights.gov
(POSTMARK) BY: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026**

MAIL TO: Sterlingfest Art & Music Fair
40555 Utica Road
PO Box 8009
Sterling Heights, MI 48311-8009

