

**EARLIER
DEADLINE
FOR 2026**

Food Truck



APPLICATION

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,

Barbara Chudzik, Chairperson
Arts Commission

Melanie D. Davis, Director
Community Relations Department

sterlingfest.info
facebook.com/sterlingfest

FOOD TRUCK ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS:

- Food Trucks 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.
- Sterling Heights based food trucks or Sterling Heights residents who own a food truck may receive priority of first selection.
- Applicants must possess a Macomb County Michigan Health Department license and any other necessary licenses and permits.
- Proof of ownership is required.

FOOD TRUCK QUALIFICATIONS:

- **Include dimensions of food truck and/or trailer and electric hook-up requirements**
- Must have a Michigan STFU license
- Food trucks **must** remain onsite the entire weekend
- **35/40KW, 50AMP Generators will be provided by the city of Sterling Heights**
- All cooking must be performed inside food truck/trailer

GENERAL SERVICES:

- Water available, On Site Electrician, Garbage/Table Cleanup, Dish washout station, Newspaper, Radio & Social Media Advertisements

OTHER ATTRACTIONS:

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

FOOD TRUCK VENDORS MUST AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- **Do not submit payment with this application**
- Food trucks selected to participate will be invoiced after acceptance and will have 30 days to pay before their space is released to another food truck.
- Hours of operation will be **Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 23-25, 2026, from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.**
- Participants must be set up and ready to sell from 10 a.m. to 11 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.**
***The pricing should not exceed \$20.**
- Chef and/or 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 **MUST** be discussed with Community Relations personnel at a **MANDATORY** meeting to be scheduled prior to the fair. Failure to attend may result in your spot being release to another food truck.
- Location of all vendors to be determined by the Community Relations Department.
- 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.
- 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 reserve the right to request a change of menu items to eliminate an abundance of duplicate items.**
- Vendors are responsible for clearing area of all food AND grease.
- **New requirement:** All food trucks must supply and use their own propane tanks, as needed. Vendors are responsible for providing all necessary equipment and parts for proper hook-up, including a minimum 10-foot hose. If a propane tank needs to be replaced during the festival, the tank change must be performed or supervised by a qualified City of Sterling Heights employee.
- **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. 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 TRUCK FEE:

\$1,610

(Flat fee, no commission due)

Do not submit payment with this application.

Food trucks 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: _____

MENU ITEM

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

PRICE

\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____

APPROX. SIZE

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)

- Food trucks that are accepted into the 2026 Sterlingfest Art and Music Fair will be required to submit the participation fee of \$1,610 per food truck 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. Food truck 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 or related to injury to persons or property during Sterlingfest.
- B. Food truck vendor agrees to the fullest extent permitted by law to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Sterling Heights, its elected and appointed officials, employees, agents, and volunteers from any and all losses, costs, expenses (including attorneys' fees), damages, liabilities, or claims arising out of or resulting from any injury, sickness, or disease, including death, or damage to property that may be sustained by any person or persons, or damage to any property, whether such injury, death, or damage results from any act or omission, negligence, or otherwise of the food truck vendor or anyone acting on its behalf. Food truck vendor further agrees that the City of Sterling Heights shall not be responsible for indemnification for damages caused by or resulting from the City's sole negligence. Food truck vendor also agrees to assume, defend, and pay any and all judgments, settlements, or expenses incurred in any suit, action, or proceeding arising out of or related 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****

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PO Box 8009
Sterling Heights, MI 48311-8009

