



# VENDOR HANDBOOK RULES AND REGULATIONS 2025- 2026 Season

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## Welcome

Thank you for your interest in being a part of The Street Fair! In this packet you will find information on how to become a Vendor, important dates and deadlines, costs and fees, as well as all the rules and regulations for the market. If you have any questions or need help, we are always here for you. You can direct all inquiries to [jchapman@collegeofthedesert.edu](mailto:jchapman@collegeofthedesert.edu).

Initial space assignments are done in the summer months before our opening weekend in October. However, we accept applications at any time and, if accepted, you can start during any month.

We are dedicated to the ongoing success of this event. For more information you can read our blog at [www.codaastreetfair.com](http://www.codaastreetfair.com) and link to all our social media pages from there.

Happening every Saturday and Sunday, the Street Fair at College of the Desert has been a beloved tradition for both locals and tourists for over 40 years. Organized by the COD Alumni Association, a nonprofit dedicated to supporting education at College of the Desert, the fair helps raise funds through space rentals. To date, more than \$13 million has been generated to support the college and its students!

We cannot wait for you to be a part of our Street Fair family!

# IMPORTANT DATES & APPLICATION DEADLINES

|              |                                                                                                                                         |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| June 1       | Initial Fall Applications Due: Online application and Supplemental Documents submitted, Application fees sent to vendors via quickbooks |
| June 15      | Application fee deadline to be considered for an initial space                                                                          |
| July 26      | Initial Fall Acceptances Sent Out                                                                                                       |
| August 1     | First Day to Make October Space Rental Payment                                                                                          |
| August 15    | October Payment Due, After this date late fee is applied                                                                                |
| Sept 1       | Last day to make October payment before being dropped                                                                                   |
| September 15 | Certificate of Insurance Due<br>Vendor and Agent Indemnity Release Due<br>(\$50 fine applied after this date)                           |
| October 4    | First day of Fall/Spring Season                                                                                                         |
| October 15   | November Payment Due                                                                                                                    |
| May 31, 2026 | Last Day of Fall/Spring Season                                                                                                          |

## OFFICE HOURS

Alumni Association office hours will be by appointment only.

## STREET FAIR HOURS

The Street Fair will operate every Saturday and Sunday Oct 4, 2025, through May 31, 2026, from 8am to 2pm.

APPLICATIONS ARE ACCEPTED ALL SEASON. If you miss the initial deadline or wish to begin midseason, the process is to submit your application (See Page 6) and The Street Fair Manager will contact you about availability of spaces.

## 2025-2026 FALL/SPRING RENTAL FEES

| Description                            | Size  | Rate                                                     |
|----------------------------------------|-------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Application Fee                        |       | \$40                                                     |
| Regular Monthly-<br>Smallest Available | 20x20 | Oct, Nov, Dec, Apr, May: \$500<br>Jan, Feb, Mar: \$720   |
| Medium Monthly                         | 20x30 | Oct, Nov, Dec, Apr, May: \$750<br>Jan, Feb, Mar: \$1080  |
| Large Monthly                          | 20x40 | Oct, Nov, Dec, Apr, May: \$1000<br>Jan, Feb, Mar: \$1440 |
| 50 Feet Monthly                        | 20x50 | Oct, Nov, Dec, Apr, May: \$1250<br>Jan, Feb, Mar: \$1800 |
| 60 Feet Monthly                        | 20x60 | Oct, Nov, Dec, Apr, May: \$1500<br>Jan, Feb, Mar: \$2160 |
| 70 Feet Monthly                        | 20x70 | Oct, Nov, Dec, Apr, May: \$1750<br>Jan, Feb, Mar: \$2520 |
| Quad Monthly                           | 20x80 | Oct, Nov, Dec, Apr, May: \$2000<br>Jan, Feb, Mar: \$2880 |
| Food Booth                             |       | +\$50/Month<br>+\$10/Daily (if available)                |
| Daily Space                            | 20x20 | Oct, Nov, Dec, Apr, May: \$100<br>Jan, Feb, Mar: \$120   |

\*Booth spaces different than those listed above are available at an additional charge. 20x20 is the smallest available.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ONLY PROVIDES VENDORS WITH THE RIGHT TO OCCUPY ONE OR MORE DESIGNATED SELLING SPACES. IN ADDITION, THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PROVIDES GENERAL SECURITY AND MAY, FROM TIME TO TIME, PROVIDE GENERAL ENTERTAINMENT. HOWEVER, THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION UNDERTAKES NO RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE ANY VENDOR WITH PARTICULAR GOODS OR SERVICES.

## 2025-2026 MONTHLY APPLICATION PROCESS

1. **Submit Online Application** Applications can be found online at [codaastreetfair.com](http://codaastreetfair.com) under the rental info tab. Please read the Rules and Regulations before submitting the application.
2. **Email Supplemental Documents to [jchapman@collegeofthedesert.edu](mailto:jchapman@collegeofthedesert.edu)** Applications are not considered complete and will not be processed without all documents.
  - **Copy of Driver's License**
  - **Seller's Permit from the California Department of Taxes and Fees** A copy of the Vendor's valid permit with the business address designated as: 43-500 Monterey Avenue, Palm Desert, California 92260. The local CDTFA can be contacted at 760-770-4828.
  - **Copy of Partnership Agreement, Corporate Articles of Incorporation and DBA** If applicable
3. **Submit Application Fee of \$40** If applying at initial deadline, application fees will be assessed June 1 and due June 15. If applying after initial deadline, fee will be assessed once processed and due upon receipt.
4. **Your Application is Complete! If accepted**, your acceptance letter will be sent out. If applying after the initial deadline, please allow up to 2 weeks for application processing.

### Once Accepted

1. **Submit Liability Insurance** Once Accepted, all Vendors must provide the Alumni Association with a Certificate of Insurance with a minimum one million dollars (\$1,000,000) policy of liability insurance naming both **College of the Desert** and **College of the Desert Alumni Association** as additional insured, before participation is granted at The Street Fair. The Certificate of insurance must be kept current at all times. **Should a Vendor's liability insurance lapse the vendor may not participate until we have a valid copy on file**
2. **Return Indemnity Agreements** These are sent out with acceptance letters and must be returned before participation at the market. The Vendor release is to be filled out and signed by the Vendor. The Agent release is to be filled out and returned by any employees of the booth that are not the booth owner.
3. **Pay Rental Fee** If starting mid-month, the monthly fee will be prorated if you pay the next full months rent at the same time, otherwise the daily fee will apply until the next full month. Rent is due on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior each month.

**\*All vendors are required to maintain on file in the Alumni Office a current address and telephone number. Information contained in the Vendor application is not treated as confidential or private and may be made available to the general public.**

# 2025-2026 DAILY RENTAL PROCESS

Daily bookings will be done in advance only, please follow the steps below to make your advanced daily booking! Please note that applications for each weekend are not processed until the Wednesday prior to the requested participation date as assignments are based on weekly attendance and we do not have information until that time.

**1. Complete Daily Rental Application and email over additional documents** by Wednesday at 5pm before the weekend you wish to participate! Applications are not considered complete and will not be processed without all documents. All documents can be sent to [jchapman@collegeofthedesert.edu](mailto:jchapman@collegeofthedesert.edu)

-**Application** Applications can be found online at [codaastreetfair.com](http://codaastreetfair.com) under the rental info tab. Please read the Rules and Regulations before submitting the application.

-**California Resale Permit** A copy of the vendor's valid permit with the business address designated as: 43-500 Monterey Avenue, Palm Desert, California 92260 The CDTFA can be contacted at 760-770- 4828.

-**Liability Insurance** Once Accepted, all Vendors must provide the Alumni Association with a Certificate of Insurance with a minimum one million dollars (\$1,000,000) policy of liability insurance naming both **College of the Desert** and **College of the Desert Alumni Association** as additional insured, before participation is granted at The Street Fair. We no longer offer a daily insurance option; you must get your own policy ahead of time. Daily Policies can be purchased ahead of time directly through Shahinian for \$20/day. A link to the form can be found under the rental info tab at [codaastreetfair.com](http://codaastreetfair.com)

- **Food Vendors:** Please apply at least 1 month in advance. We have limited availability for food booths and will try to accommodate if we have room in our food section as well as on our health permit, however this may not always be possible.

**2. Invoice** will be emailed and must be paid by 5pm on Thursday of the weekend prior to your selling date. All spaces are 20x20. If you require more space, you can purchase additional spaces based on availability. Please indicate this in your email with your additional documents.

-**Rental Fee: \$100/day during October- November and \$120/ day during January to March**

**3. Space will be assigned** by Friday evening

**4. Day of Event** you will report to your assigned space by 7am and be setup by 8am

-Once payment has been made for an event, there are no refunds or transfers of payment for another date for any reason.

- If you have an emergency on the day of the event, a member of staff can be reached at 442-234-3084 beginning at 6am.

# RULES AND REGULATIONS

## Fall/Spring 2025-2026

These 2025-2026 Street Fair Vendor Handbook Rules and Regulations (Fall-Spring and Summer Season) (collectively the "Vendor Regulations") apply to all Vendors ("Vendors") participating in the College of the Desert Alumni Association Street Fair ("The Street Fair"). The Street Fair is owned and operated by the College of the Desert Alumni Association, a California nonprofit corporation ("Alumni Association"). The Alumni Association operates and manages The Street Fair through its officers, employees, and agents ("Street Fair Management"). As distinguished from an auxiliary, College of the Desert Alumni Association is an independent organization separate and apart from College of the Desert. College of the Desert appreciates the support provided to the College through the rental and other revenue generated by The Street Fair.

These Vendor Regulations are organized into two sections which are separately entitled General Principles and Rules and Regulations. The General Principles section sets forth a number of general guiding principles which govern the overall operation of The Street Fair. The Rules and Regulations section sets forth a number of specific requirements imposed on all Vendors in connection with The Street Fair. All vendors must read, understand, and comply in full with both the General Principles and the Rules and Regulations sections of these Vendors Regulations.

Any questions regarding these Vendor Regulations should be directed to the Alumni Association at the office located at **43-500 Monterey Avenue, Palm Desert, CA 92260 ("Alumni Office")**.

## GENERAL PRINCIPLES

The Alumni Association is committed to customer service and satisfaction. Street Fair Management will assist customers in seeking to resolve any problems or complaints directed toward any vendor. Vendors must work professionally, cooperatively, and reasonably with both the customer and Street Fair Management in resolving any such complaints. Vendors should understand that their own customer complaints can impact the business of other Vendors at The Street Fair as well as the community's perception of The Street Fair as a whole.

Vendors are required to follow the directions of Street Fair Management while on the grounds of the College of the Desert campus.

Vendors must comply with all federal and state laws and statutes concerning child labor and any unlawful employment of a minor in violation of law is a violation of these vendor Regulations.

Vendors must comply with The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which provides for equal access and opportunity for individuals with disabilities in public accommodations.

All Vendors must understand and comply with any and all state or federal laws relating in any manner to their goods and services. By way of example, vendors of artwork must understand and comply with all copyright and/or trademark laws which may govern the reproduction and/or sale of such artwork. It is never an adequate excuse that you did not understand that law. If you have a question about your goods, merchandise, or services, you must retain an attorney or other qualified professional to assist you in ensuring that your business operation is in full compliance with the law.

THE ACCEPTANCE, RENTAL AND USE OF ANY SELLING SPACE AT THE STREET FAIR CONSTITUTES AN AGREEMENT BY ANY AND ALL VENDORS (WHETHER MONTHLY OR DAILY) AND ALL PERSONS HELPING OR WORKING WITH SUCH VENDOR TO COMPLY WITH ALL OF THESE VENDOR REGULATIONS AS WELL AS ANY AND ALL STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS.

The vast majority of space rental fees collected after payment of expenses go to support College of the Desert students and College of the Desert

# RULES AND REGULATIONS

## PAYMENT OF MONTHLY SPACE RENTAL FEES

1. All monthly space rental fees must be paid on or before the 15th day of the preceding month (i.e., the payment for November is due on or before October 15<sup>th</sup>). The payment must be received (NOT postmarked) by this date.
2. Street Fair Management will not accept any payment from monthly vendors during Street Fair operating days.
3. Once a payment has been made, there will be no refunds or credits towards any other rental period or space for any reason.

## ACCEPTED PAYMENT METHODS

1. **Online** Invoices are emailed out via QuickBooks the first week of each month.
2. **Mail** Checks made out to COD Alumni Association can be mailed to: COD Alumni Association  
43500 Monterey Ave Palm Desert CA 92260

Please take into consideration holidays, campus closures, etc. to make sure we receive your payment no later than the 15<sup>th</sup>.

## LATE CHARGES AND PENALTIES

1. Any vendor who makes a late rent payment will be charged a late fee as follows:  
First Late Payment: \$25.00  
Second Late Payment: \$50.00  
Third Late Payment: \$75.00  
Fourth Late Payment: \$100 and possible loss of space for the season  
Fifth and Beyond Late Payment: Additional \$25 each time and possible loss of space
2. Late fees should be included with your payment and must be paid before the first weekend of the month in which it is late. Vendors who have not made their payment with late fee included before the first weekend of the month will be denied selling space.
3. If a check was returned for insufficient funds, there will be a \$35.00 charge. An additional \$15.00 fee will be imposed for any check that is marked insufficient funds by the bank and is put through a second time in an attempt to clear it. An ISF check cannot be replaced with a check. Payment must be replaced with either cash or credit card and all future payments must be made by either cash or credit card.

## DROPPING OF SELLING SPACE

1. Monthly Vendors who wish to cease conducting business at The Street Fair must notify Street Fair Management by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month. (i.e., notification for November should be on or before October 15<sup>th</sup>.) Vendors that fail to provide written notification in this time period, will be responsible for the month's payment whether they are planning to participate or not. Prompt written notification may assist the vendor in avoiding penalties and such courtesy and cooperation may be considered by the Alumni Association should such vendor ever seek to reapply for selling space at The Street Fair.
2. If the monthly space rental fee has not been paid by the first of the rental month, Street Fair Management will assume that the vendor has quit, and the vendor will be automatically removed from monthly status.
3. There will be no refunds or credits, regardless of vendor's reason for ceasing business at The Street Fair.

## ATTENDANCE POLICY

1. Vendors must notify the Street Fair manager by email by the Wednesday prior to their absence to help in the condensing of the market and placement of daily vendors. If there is a last minute absence due to illness or emergency, notify the manager with as much notice as possible.
2. Excessive absences or failure to inform management of absence may result in a fine and possible relocation of selling space.
3. If you are absent there is no refund or credit for that time.

## SPACE SET-UP AND MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS

1. **POSTED ITEMS** The following items must be posted in view for the general public at all times.
  - a. **Sellers Permit with CODAA address**
  - b. **Return Policy**
  - c. **Tax Policy (Listed prices include tax or not)**
2. **RECEIPTS and BUSINESS CARDS** Vendors must give out receipts to customers for all purchases. Business cards should also be available with your contact information should they need to contact you about their purchase.
3. **SIGNS** All signs utilized by vendors must be professional in appearance and design. No handwritten signs are allowed. Signs must not extend over or be in public walking areas. Street Fair Management reserves the right to approve or disapprove the design and content of all displayed banners or signs by Street Fair vendors. Signs and flags may not dangle over the aisle and are to be a maximum of 12 feet in height.

4. **WEIGHTS/CANOPIES** All canopies and umbrellas must be weighed down with **twenty-five pounds on each pole** to prevent risk of property or personal damage due to wind. Weights are to be touching the ground and strapped to the bottom of each leg, and then tethered via a rope to the top corner of the canopy. Pole caps and/or other comparable precautions must be utilized by vendors to prevent damage to the asphalt. Under no circumstance are anchors to be inserted into the concrete, asphalt, grass, dirt, or ground. In addition, nothing is ever to be attached to a nearby tree, building structure, fence or college equipment. (See Appendix A for complete guidelines) Failure to adhere to this will result in the vendor's termination as a vendor at The Street Fair. Canopies, umbrellas, signs and displays should be in good condition, i.e., not torn, faded or stained, etc.
5. **VEHICLES** Vehicles may be brought in to drop off setup and then must be removed. Cars may not be parked in your space and must be moved to vendor parking.
6. **TABLES/ TABLECLOTHS** Merchandise may not be sold off the ground or out of a vehicle, but instead should be displayed on tables. Tablecloths are required on tables and should extend down all sides of the display tables so as to conceal any merchandise storage containers which may be placed under the tables. Tablecloths should be clean, without holes, rips, etc.
7. **AWNINGS** must be two feet maximum from all sides in width and at least seven feet high to prevent customers from bumping their head. Advertisements are not allowed on the sides of your awnings, only on the front. Awnings need to be removed before 2:05 pm.
8. **BOXES** Vendors must remove all boxes and containers used in the transportation of their merchandise BEFORE The Street Fair begins for the day. Empty boxes must be stored out of sight.
9. **COLLEGE PROPERTY** Vendors are not allowed to prop or hang any merchandise, signs, etc on any campus walls, buildings, fences or any other property.
10. **ELECTRICAL/GENERATORS** There is EXTREMELY limited electricity available at the market. Except for Food Court and Entertainment vendors, all vendors are prohibited from plugging into any electrical outlet at The Street Fair or on the College of the Desert campus without prior authorization from Street Fair Management. No generators are permitted. If you require power you may use an electric or solar power source, like a Jackery or similar. Vendors who use cords to access electrical power at The Street Fair are responsible for seeing that all cords are taped down in such a way that they cannot be tripped over by customers, vendors, and staff. The vendor is completely responsible for any accidents that occur due to their placement of these cords. Vendors who use College of the Desert electricity will be held responsible and be required to pay for broken plugs, fuses, and circuit breakers. COD power outlets should be used for the sole purpose of running your business. Cooking or utilizing cooking equipment connected to the COD power outlets is not permitted.
11. **CLEANLINESS/TRASH** Vendors must keep their spaces clean at all times. Vendors must take their trash with them when departing The Street Fair premises and sweep their selling space(s)

clean at the end of the day. Trash receptacles are for customers, Street Fair Management, and College use only. Vendors are responsible for any trash left in their space by their setup persons.

12. **NOISE/MUSIC/HAWKING** Vendors shall not play loud music or make loud noises which can be heard outside their assigned space. Hawking is strictly prohibited. Loud selling solicitations from inside the booth are strictly prohibited. Vendors shall not solicit customers outside their selling space or in the aisles.
13. **EQUIPMENT** No vendor may use any Street Fair equipment, chairs, cones, etc.
14. **HOURS OF OPERATION** Vendors must have their booths setup and open for business from 8am to 2pm.

#### **ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE TIMES**

1. Vendors and their tent set-up workers must arrive for tent and booth set-up no earlier than 3:00 am and must be in their selling space(s) on or before 7:00 am. If the vendor is not occupying their assigned space by 7:00 am, such space will be forfeited and may be reassigned to another vendor for use on that day.
2. Vendors, their employees, and setup contractors must be aware of and minimize any noise during morning setup. Fines may be issued if excessive noise is an issue, at the sole discretion of Street Fair Management.
3. Vendors whose canopies are set up for the day and who do not show up will be fined \$50.00 unless the canopy is removed before 8:00 am. Street Fair Management is not responsible for any damage due to Street Fair Staff having to tear down the vendor's booth set up which has been left unattended past 8:00 am.
4. No vendor may leave The Street Fair prior to the closing time without the advance consent of Street Fair Management. If an emergency situation arises which requires that a vendor leave early on a given day, such vendor must notify Street Fair Management and obtain Street Fair Management's consent prior to departing for the day.
5. Vendors must drive cautiously through the aisles of The Street Fair and not directly through any of the selling spaces. All vendors shall drive safely at all times within the 5-mph speed limit when on The Street Fair grounds and/or in any of the surrounding parking lots.
6. Vendor vehicles may not enter The Street Fair to pack up their booths until 2:05 pm. No vehicles may be lined up at exits waiting to enter the fair until 1:50 pm. These times are to be adhered to all times of the season, unless other instruction is given by The Street Fair Manager.
7. Vendors are required to take down their awnings prior to closing. This is to ensure that vendors do not strike any of these overhangs with their vehicles.

8. Vendors, their employees, and tent set up contractors must exit the campus no later than 3 hours after The Street Fair has closed. A \$25 fine may be imposed to anyone in violation of this requirement.

## **PARKING AND LOADING**

1. Vehicles and trailers may not be parked in vendor spaces or anywhere inside the Street Fair. Vendors must park in designated vendor parking.
2. Cars must be removed from The Street Fair by 7:55am. Gates close at 8am and we cannot have cars moving in the market during our posted operational hours.
3. Only one vehicle at a time may be utilized by a vendor in The Street Fair.
4. When loading and unloading vendors are responsible to keep one traffic lane open at all times.
5. Customers are not permitted to drive to vendor spaces for pick-up of merchandise when The Street Fair is open for business.
6. Overnight camping, parking, or storage of any vehicle or equipment is prohibited.
7. Vendors must not move any traffic control devices, such as barricades, signs or delineators at any time.

## **SPACE ASSIGNMENTS**

1. Street Fair Management will try to place vendors, whenever possible, in a non-competitive location. However, due to so many similar products (clothing, jewelry, etc.) this may not be possible. Street Fair Management will always try to place vendors in the best possible location for their products and for the good of The Street Fair.
2. Vendor selling spaces and/or booth sizes may vary. Space size and configuration is acknowledged and agreed to by the vendor when payment is made for the assigned space. Existing spaces are not subject to vendor reconfiguration. Street Fair Management makes all determinations as to space assignments, sizes, and configuration. A vendor who wishes to upsize or downsize his space may be relocated within The Street Fair to an available smaller or larger space.
3. Selling spaces are marked by numbers and/or letters painted on the ground in white paint. Vendor vehicles and/or merchandise must remain within space boundaries and behind the visible white line. Vendors are not permitted to conduct business outside their assigned spaces.
4. The assigned space is for the sole and exclusive use of the individual vendor whose application was approved. Anyone selling merchandise for another person or company must have identified the actual owner of the merchandise on the application.

5. Vendors are prohibited from selling, assigning, renting, or otherwise transferring any vendor space. Neither the exchanging nor the sharing of vendor space is permitted. In the event of any change in ownership of the merchandise or the business operating out of a given space, a new application package must be completed by such new ownership.
6. Vendors do not have any ownership rights to a selling space, nor do they have any seniority status. Current selling spaces may be reassigned at any given time. Overnight camping, parking, or storage of any vehicle or equipment is prohibited. A vendor's status at The Street Fair is merely that of a seller of merchandise and/or services, and not as a tenant, licensee, or other form of permissive user.
7. Space assignments may be shifted or changed throughout the season as management works to accommodate all state and local regulations. Management will give as much advance notice as is possible.
8. Monthly vendors and/or their associates, employees, helpers, etc., at the discretion of Street Fair Management, may be precluded from renting any additional space through the Daily rental process.
9. Daily vendors who are not provided selling space may not work on the same day in any booth in The Street Fair, nor are they allowed to set up and/or sell in any other open space on the College of the Desert campus.
10. Vendors are not guaranteed space in the location of their choice. The Street Fair Manager has the authority to assign and reassign spaces. Any vendor requesting reassignment of selling space must notify Street Fair Management in writing. Request of a space change does not guarantee your request will be accommodated.
11. The Alumni Association reserves the right to refuse assignment of space to any vendor or prospective vendor on the basis of any lawful reason, and to terminate the vendor's use of selling space at The Street Fair at any time and for any reason.
12. It is the vendor's responsibility to report to Street Fair Management any hazardous condition which is found to be in or around the vendor's selling space. If the problem cannot be remedied immediately, the vendor will be relocated to another space until the hazard can be remedied.

## **MERCHANDISE**

1. **MERCHANDISE DESCRIPTIONS.** On your application, you must specifically provide a detailed description of the items you propose to sell at The Street Fair. Street Fair Management will determine how your merchandise descriptions are interpreted. For example, if you list toys and you do not have Beanie Babies listed as a specific item, you may be denied the right to sell Beanie

Babies in your space. Please be clear and specific in your merchandise descriptions. Include brands, styles, and any other details when possible.

2. **CHANGES TO MERCHANDISE.** Monthly vendors cannot change or add product brands or style without Street Fair Management's advance written approval. Vendors wanting to change or add products to his/her current list must submit these changes in writing for approval by The Street Fair Manager prior to putting new items on display.

A separate section on the Merchandise Listing sheet of the application is provided to list any new items you wish to add to your items to be sold. To be approved, all new items must be listed in this section. The deadline for any additions or changes to your product line for the Fall-Spring season is January 31, 2026.

3. **TRADEMARK/COPYRIGHT RELATED LAWS.** No vendor shall sell, or offer for sale, any item which may be in violation of any state or federal civil or criminal law relating to infringement or violation of any patent, copyright, trademark, trade name, image, pattern, or any law governing counterfeit merchandise. Vendors must be completely knowledgeable of the origins of their merchandise and the laws governing such merchandise. Vendors must have express written consent to use any copyrighted or trademarked materials. The Alumni Association reserves the right to terminate the selling space of any vendor who it believes has, or may have, violated any such law. Vendors agree to hold harmless, indemnify, and defend both College of the Desert and the Alumni Association from and against any and all claims involving any alleged violation of law.

If there are any questions about the authenticity of a product or service, and/or a problem with a manufacturer or distributor of said product or service, you may be required to pull that product or service from public sales at The Street Fair until all issues have been resolved.

4. **EXCLUDED ITEMS.** Street Fair Management reserves the right, within its sole and exclusive discretion, to prohibit the sale, trade, and/or display of any item or service. Items which are currently prohibited include the following:

- Items that are pornographic
- Items that include profane language
- Items that are illegal
- Items infringing on copyright and trademark law
- Items that may be hazardous
- Tobacco, tobacco accessories and any related products
- Firearms, ammunition, knives, pepper spray, Tasers, and/or weapons (whether of an offensive and/or a defensive nature)
- Live Animals
- Any merchandise received by any vendor, directly or indirectly, from any current or former vendor who has been suspended and/or had his or her selling rights terminated

- Other items at Street Fair Management's sole discretion

## VENDOR CONDUCT

1. Vendors are required to follow the directions of Street Fair Management while on the grounds of the College of the Desert campus. Street Fair Management has an open-door policy where vendors are welcome to discuss issues with the Executive Director and/or Street Fair Manager while following the communication policy.
2. No drugs, including marijuana, or alcoholic beverages are allowed at The Street Fair or on the College of the Desert campus. Street Fair Management and/or Security shall have the right to inspect any container, cooler, vehicle, trailer, etc., at any time. Failure to allow such inspection will result in an immediate suspension of the vendor's use of selling space.
3. Pets are not permitted in your booth. No animals are allowed at The Street Fair or on the College Campus except properly documented Service Animals assigned to a disabled person.
4. No vendors shall purport to conduct any sort of raffle or other form of gaming or gambling activity without the advance written consent of the Alumni Association.
5. Vendors are precluded from seeking to accomplish through their agents, employees, helpers, and/or independent contractors, that which they are prohibited from doing themselves. By way of example, a vendor shall not sell fake Rolex watches through his or her employee(s). Vendors are responsible for the actions of their agents, employees, helpers, and/or independent contractors who work with and/or help them.
6. Any vendor petitions must be approved in advance by Street Fair Management before being circulated at The Street Fair.
7. Vendors are to be incredibly careful not to hit any of the solar panel supports with their vehicles. Damaging a solar panel would make the vendor subject to immediate dismissal from The Street Fair.
8. Vendors are responsible for the actions of their employees, associates, and any independent contractor working for the vendor. Vendors and their associates shall be courteous and professional to all people they encounter while on the COD campus and during Street Fair operations. Vendors are expected to professionally engage with all customers, vendors, and staff. There will be no tolerance for any form of harassment, slander, yelling, profanity, or physical contact with any person or their property while on the COD campus.
  - a. Professional engagement of customers does not include napping in your booth, reading a book, extensive time on your phone, or long absences from your booth during business hours.

- b. Professional engagement of fellow vendors does not allow for excessive unsolicited conversations at their booth. Toxic complaining, doomsday predictions and overall negativity should be discussed outside of business hours if the individual is willing and therefore not trapped in their selling space.
  - c. Professional engagement with management and staff includes listening to all instructions given by Street Fair staff and management. Vendors should follow the communication policy at all times. Yelling, arguing, and overall disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated.
- 9. The Alumni Association and Street Fair Management are not responsible for enforcing any vendor claims against or between one another, whatever such claims may be. All vendors are required to bring any such claims or lawsuits on their own behalf and at their own expense, and to hold harmless and indemnify the Alumni Association and Street Fair Management as to any such claims or lawsuits. A certified copy of any order or judgment issued in any such lawsuit related to the type of merchandise sold at The Street Fair shall be promptly delivered to Street Fair Management when signed and filed by the court.
- 10. Vendors are not allowed to hand out flyers or advertisements to the public or to the vendors at The Street Fair. Please respect this rule. It would not be fair to allow individual vendors to promote their business by flyer advertisement without allowing all vendors to do the same thing. If for some reason any flyer or advertisement is handed out, it must have prior approval of Street Fair Management. There are to be no solicitations or flyers on The Street Fair grounds! Customers, visitors, vendors, groups, or any other individuals are not allowed to solicit at The Street Fair, parking lots, or on COD campus grounds during The Street Fair.
- 11. College of the Desert is a smoke-free campus. No smoking at any time on campus is allowed.
- 12. All multi-vendor promotions must be approved in advance by Street Fair Management.
- 13. The Alumni Association's address is never to be used as a vendor's mailing address.
- 14. Vendors are required to abide by all copyright and trademark laws. No copyright or trademark infringing items may be sold or offered for sale at The Street Fair. The sale of copyright or trademark infringing items is a material breach of these vendor Regulations. Copyright is defined as "the exclusive legal right to reproduce, publish, and sell a literary, musical, or artistic work." Technically, anything you produce is copyrighted as soon as you produce it if it falls under the category of being a literary, musical, or artistic work, and any other applicable requirements of law. The owner of a copyrighted work generally owns the right to its reproduction, display, distribution, and adaptation to derivative works. A trademark is defined as "a symbol, word, or words legally registered or established by use as representing a company or product." Vendors may not use other brands trademarks without the express permission of the company. Management may ask for this written documentation at any time. Suspected infringing items are subject to seizure by Street Fair Management (in its sole discretion) and may be held by Street Fair Management. Any violation(s) of copyright or trademark laws is grounds for immediate closure of a booth. No refunds will be paid if a booth is closed for selling infringing works.

Management will not be liable to vendor for any refunds or in any other manner for the seizure of allegedly infringing works or the closure of a booth based on claims of copyright infringement. Vendor agrees to indemnify and hold the Alumni Association harmless from any damages, costs, expenses (including reasonable attorney fees), judgments and/or settlements which the Alumni Association incurs as a result of claims that vendor is selling infringing items.

## **CITATIONS/FINES**

1. Citations will be issued for any violation of the College of the Desert Alumni Association vendor Handbook.
2. Serious violations concerning safety issues i.e., weights, excessive speed, or those in violation of applicable laws, including but not limited to insurance and permits, will not be given a warning and you will be fined.
3. Violation of the rules and regulations and the general principles can result in loss of selling space.
4. Street Fair Management, Street Fair Staff and Alumni Personnel will not discuss a citation with you; you must submit a citation dispute in writing. Not following this policy will result in a second citation violation.
5. All fines must be paid by the end of the month they are accrued in. If fines are not paid the vendor will be denied selling space.

## **COMMUNICATION POLICY**

1. Please contact The Street Fair Manager via email at [jchapman@collegeofthedesert.edu](mailto:jchapman@collegeofthedesert.edu) to discuss requests or handle complaints. Please note that The Street Fair Manager has days off during the week and may not immediately respond.
2. The Street Fair Manager will be available for meetings by appointment only. Appointments will not be scheduled for requests of change of space/merchandise or citation disputes. These items must be completed in writing, and you should receive a response within 30 days.
3. If you feel you have an unresolved question or complaint after speaking with The Street Fair Manager, you may contact the Executive Director of the Alumni Association in writing.
4. As a courtesy to other vendors, customers and staff, Street Fair operating hours are not the time to voice complaints or make requests. Negativity in a business atmosphere can affect sales and repeat customers. Street Fair staff is not equipped to hear or answer complaints or questions regarding operational matters.
5. If you have an emergency on the day of the event. A member of staff can be reached at 442-234-3084 beginning at 6am

6. Alumni Association board members serve on a volunteer basis. They should not be contacted by vendors. Vendors in violation of this may be subject to exclusion from the Street Fair.

## **ACUPUNCTURISTS**

1. Acupuncturists must provide the Alumni Association with a copy of his or her Acupuncturist license issued by the State of California, along with photo identification (such as a driver's license).
2. If an Acupuncturist also provides massage services, he/she must also produce to the Alumni Association the documentation required of a massage therapist (as described below).

## **ART VENDORS.**

The Alumni Association deems it to be a violation of The Street Fair vendor Handbook to paint on or over anyone else's painting in such a way as to create an impression that you painted the entire painting yourself and/or to sign your name to such artwork as if it were your own.

## **CBD VENDORS**

1. CBD vendors must provide the Alumni Association with a certificate of analysis prior to their participation at The Street Fair.
2. CBD products sold at The Street Fair must be pure CBD and contain no THC.
3. No CBD vape, smoking, food or beverage products are to be sold at The Street Fair.
4. All products for sale at The Street Fair must fall within the legal rules for CBD products.
5. False advertisements about the products' contents or effectiveness will not be tolerated.

## **DEMONSTRATION VENDORS/ PITCH PRODUCTS**

1. Vendors that are sampling and/or demonstrating may not do so in a manner that interferes with aisle traffic. Sampling and/or demonstration tables must be placed a minimum of 2 feet behind the boundary line of your space. If aisle traffic is being impeded, you may be asked to set your sampling and/or demonstration tables further back or your location may be reassigned to an area where this will not cause a conflict, at management's discretion.
2. There shall be no demonstration/sampling outside of your contracted booth space boundaries.
3. No hawking will be permitted; this includes making any comments or asking any questions to customers in the aisles to attract them to your selling space. Customers should approach you, and at that time you may give a demonstration/sample of your product or service.

## **FOOD VENDORS**

1. Space for food vendors is limited. The space size applied for will try to be accommodated based on availability.
2. Vendors selling food products that do not fall within the purview of the Alumni Association's health permit must obtain a Health Permit from the Environmental Health Department. A photocopy of a valid permit must be handed in to the Alumni Association with your vendor application. This permit must be posted in the vendor's space and must be clearly visible to the public.
3. Vendors selling food that is within the purview of the Alumni Association's health permit are required to pay the Alumni Association an additional \$50 per month to cover the cost of said health permit. Such payment shall be made concurrently with payment of their selling space fee. Health inspections are periodically conducted by the Department of Environmental Health, irrespective of whether you have a permit.
4. Any questions about whether a certain type of food may be sold, if your product falls under the Alumni Association's health permit, and any cart approval must be answered by the Health Department. The telephone number for the Indio office of the Health Department is (760) 863-8287.
5. Any vendor reselling produce or nursery products must obtain a permit from the California Department of Food and Agriculture. A photocopy of a valid permit must be turned in to the Alumni Association with your application. This permit must also be posted in the vendor's space and be clearly visible to the public. Any questions regarding this permit should be directed to the Department of Food and Agriculture
6. Each vendor selling food to be consumed at The Street Fair must provide a detailed menu of items to be sold. This list should be concise and include only items that the vendor actually plans to sell during the season. Street Fair management may limit the number of menu items at their discretion.
7. Food vendors in the food court will be provided with one trash can that will be emptied once at the end of the day, all other trash is the responsibility of each vendor.
8. It is the food vendor's responsibility to make themselves aware of and follow all state and local health department regulations.

## **MESSAGE THERAPISTS**

1. Any vendor providing Horizontal Massage (i.e., where the customer is lying down) must provide the Alumni Association with copies of any and all required licenses and/or permits. In addition to any possible state and federal requirements, there is a license and/or permitting process currently required by the City of Palm Desert.
2. The Alumni Association does not currently require a copy of a license or permit from a vendor who only provides Vertical Massage (i.e., where the customer is in a chair, fully clothed, and

having only head, neck, upper back massaged). However, all such vendors are independently responsible for obtaining any and all permits and/or licenses required by state, federal, or local law for Vertical Massage, if there are any.

## **NON-COMMERICAL USE OF STREET FAIR.**

Street Fair Management reserves the right, in its sole and exclusive discretion, to allow nonprofit organizations to sell products in the communal areas without being required to complete a vendor application or to pay a vendor fee. By way of example, Street Fair Management may allow Girl Scouts of America to sell Girl Scout cookies at The Street Fair without requiring them to satisfy the requirements imposed on vendors.

## **PUBLIC HEALTH**

1. By submitting an application and accepting a space, vendors acknowledge and agree to follow all national, state, and local guidelines put in place by health officials. Vendors agree to follow all health and safety guidelines put in place by management. Please be advised that protocols may be updated daily and changes may be made throughout the season. Vendors will be notified in writing of any and all health requirements and they must be implemented immediately.
2. Public urination is strictly prohibited.

## **WEATHER DAYS**

1. Street Fair Management will announce when The Street Fair is canceled due to poor weather, wind, or extreme heat conditions. The decision to call a weather day is within the sole and exclusive discretion of Street Fair Management. Credit or refunds will not be given to vendors for any weather day. When a weather day is called, vendors are to stop selling and immediately shut down their operation.
2. The Street Fair will remain open until a weather day is called by Street Fair Management. Vendors will not be allowed to bring their vehicles into The Street Fair early or leave early due to weather conditions unless directed by Street Fair Management.
3. It is each vendor's responsibility to provide their own coverings to protect their merchandise and products against weather related conditions.
4. On days when there are ominous weather conditions and vendor participation may be lessened, vendors may NOT park their cars in unoccupied spaces or parking lots other than those specified for vendor parking without prior authorization from Street Fair Management.
5. On days when there are ominous weather conditions and vendor participation may be lessened, vendors may not move to another space without permission. The protocol is that vendors are to report to their space and after 7am Street Fair management will assess attendance and assign any

necessary moves. No moves will be allowed before 7am. If you are a monthly vendor arriving after 7am on a weather day, and another vendor has been assigned your space, you will be moved to another space for the day.

## **DISABLED PERSONS ACCOMMODATIONS**

1. Vendors are required by the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") to provide reasonable accommodations and access to goods and services to individuals with disabilities. By way of example, if a wheelchair user cannot get into your selling space, you are required to come out to the curb and offer assistance in showing your products to that person.
2. Disabled people with service animals or guide dogs are allowed throughout The Street Fair including the Food Court area. Service animals are trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability. These tasks may include guiding people with impaired vision, pulling a wheelchair, or retrieving dropped items. Although there are programs that certify service animals, a private entity may not insist on proof of certification before permitting the entry of a service animal into a place of public accommodation. Therefore, it is a violation of law to refuse service due to the accompaniment of a service animal.
3. Any vendor who needs a service animal must notify The Street Fair manager and provide them with proof of certification from an accredited source that verifies disability and requires service animal to be trained. Service animals should be registered to vendor.
4. Vendors must keep handicapped access curb ramps clear for use by the disabled. All vendors who have their booths set up on the curbs are required to move their display to the edge of the curb in order for disabled people to better view the merchandise.

## **LEGAL**

1. These Vendor Regulations, including the fee schedule and other terms and conditions, are subject to change by the Alumni Association at any time and without advance notice.
2. Should a single rule or regulation be held illegal, invalid or void, such invalidity shall not affect the remainder of these Vendor Regulations. Furthermore, if a provision or rule is deemed invalid due to its scope or breadth, that rule shall nevertheless be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent otherwise permitted by law.
3. In interpreting these Vendor Regulations, where the context permits, the singular shall include the plural, and vice versa, and gender and neutral terms shall be interchangeable.
4. Vendor agrees to pay reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred to the College of the Desert and/or Alumni Association if legal action should be instituted by reason of vendor's failure, or alleged failure, to comply with any of these vendor Regulations.
5. Vendors agree to hold College of the Desert and College of the Desert Alumni Association harmless in case of an act of God, such as an earthquake. Vendors are responsible for their

persons, vehicles, tents, merchandise, and all liability relating to same. No refunds will be given to vendors for loss of selling time due to acts of God, such as wind, earthquakes, floods, national or local public health crises, etc.

6. Vendor agrees to hold harmless the College of the Desert and College of the Desert Alumni Association, relative to any property damage and/or bodily injury arising from any form of heater or warming device and gas-powered generators utilized within said vendor's selling space. Vendor assumes all responsibility and liability for utilization of such heating elements and generators within The Street Fair grounds, and a fire extinguisher must be maintained and readily available at all times in vendor's selling space, complete with current certification.
7. Street Fair Management is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen articles. Vendors must safeguard all of their belongings and assume the risk of any such loss.
8. Photographs, film, or video taken of any vendor, vendor's display, merchandise, or entertainers, may be utilized by Street Fair Management for promoting The Street Fair. By participating in The Street Fair, you consent to such use without any fee or charge.
9. The Alumni Association and Street Fair Management are not responsible for products sold and do not guarantee or warrant any aspects of any products, goods, or services provided or sold by any vendor. Vendors are fully responsible for their products, goods, and services.
10. Street Fair Management accepts no responsibility for merchandise mailed to or left in the Alumni Office for inspection or review. Do not mail merchandise to the Alumni Office. If you feel strongly that your merchandise is unique and different, bring your merchandise in to show The Street Fair Manager in person. Monthly vendors should bring their new merchandise and merchandise add on form in person for review by The Street Fair Manager.
11. No vendor shall purport to conduct any sort of raffle or other form of gaming or gambling activity at The Street Fair.
12. No vendor may utilize The Street Fair logo in any advertisement, promotion, display, website, business card, or product. Any use of such logo without the Alumni Association's advance written consent is strictly prohibited. A violation of this rule shall subject such vendor to all sanctions and penalties available under these Rules and Regulations.
13. Use of the names "COD Alumni Association" and/or "The Street Fair" are prohibited in any form of advertisement without prior, written approval of Street Fair Management. This includes all similar spellings and anything that is intended to lead anyone to believe that the advertisement is in any way endorsed by COD Alumni Association or The Street Fair.
14. Any vendor violating a city, county, state or federal regulation will be automatically terminated for cause. This includes, but is not limited to, public behavior, traffic regulations, and public safety.

15. Vendor assumes full and complete responsibility for any injury to persons or property relating in any manner to the setup, display, sale, exchange, or use of vendor's merchandise, equipment, or other property or of the assigned ground space by vendor and/or vendor's employees, agents, helpers, and independent contractors. Vendor agrees to indemnify and defend College of the Desert and the Alumni Association, and their officers, directors, employees, attorneys, and agents, and to hold them free of and harmless from, at vendors' sole expense, against any and all such liabilities, claims, and/or damages.

ANY VIOLATION OF THESE VENDOR REGULATIONS MAY RESULT IN SUSPENSION OR DENIAL OF SELLING SPACE. ADDITIONALLY, THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO TERMINATE ANY VENDOR(S) USE OF SELLING SPACE AT ANY TIME FOR ANY LAWFUL REASON, IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER THE REASON(S) RELATE TO ANY ACTUAL OR POTENTIAL VIOLATION OF THE VENDOR REGULATIONS. SUCH TERMINATION MAY OCCUR BEFORE, DURING, OR AFTER THE SELLING SEASON. IF THE TERMINATION OCCURS DURING THE SELLING SEASON, THE STREET FAIR SHALL ISSUE A NOTICE OF TERMINATION WHICH SUCH NOTICE MAY BE PROVIDED TO THE VENDOR VIA CERTIFIED MAIL MAILED TO THE VENDOR'S ADDRESS AS MAINTAINED ON FILE WITH THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND/OR BY DELIVERY OF SUCH WRITTEN NOTICE TO ANY PERSON INVOLVED WITH THE SALES OF MERCHANDISE OR SERVICES ON THE APPLICABLE SELLING SPACE(S). THE NOTICE OF TERMINATION SHALL BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON MAILING AND/OR HAND DELIVERY.

## Appendix A

### Tent and Canopy Safety

It is a fact that canopies act like giant sails in the strong Desert winds causing them to blow over, and most accidents at open air markets involve wind-blown tents, canopies and umbrellas. The safety of everyone in the market is our number one priority, which is why we require stabilization of all canopies. While canopies serve the important purpose of protecting vendors and their products from the elements of the weather, unpredictable winds can come up at any moment and create a safety hazard. We require all vendors to minimize this risk by having weights attached to vendor canopies at all times. Vendors shall agree to the following policy as stated in The Street Fair Rules and Regulations. There are fines and insurance implications for failing to follow these rules.

All canopies, including umbrellas, at The Street Fair during normal business hours, including during set-up and break down, are required to be sufficiently weighted to the ground. Each leg must have a minimum of 25 lbs. attached. Any vendor who fails to properly weight their canopy may not be allowed to sell at The Street Fair that market day, unless the canopy is taken down for that day. Any vendor found to be in violation of this rule during the selling day will be cited and fined.

In certain weather conditions, even properly secured canopies can be dangerous. If canopies need to be taken down in the middle of the market day, vendors should direct customers out of the way, so they are not injured.

### **Weights should be secured in a way that does not create its own safety hazard**

This means:

- Weights should not cause a tripping hazard
- Weights should be tethered with lines that are clearly visible
- Weights should be securely attached
- Weights should be on the ground, NOT above peoples' heads

Sufficiently weighted canopies will have a minimum of 25 lbs. per leg. Please consider that one manufacturer recommends at least 40 lbs. per leg for a 10x10 canopy to provide proper security of the canopy.

### **Always Be Prepared**

Vendors should ALWAYS have their canopies secured to the ground. It is not enough to have weights on hand in the case of wind. Strong gusts can come at any time and without warning. It is too late to secure weights once your canopy has taken flight.

### Examples of Good Canopy Weights

- Filling an empty bucket (2.5 gallon) works great with sand or cement and tying this to each corner of the tent with a rope or bungee. It is NOT sufficient to place the bucket on the feet of the canopy.
- Filling buckets/containers with sand/cement/water that can be anchored or secured with a rope or bungee; these include canvas bags or plastic buckets/containers that have a handle through which a rope or bungee can be secured.
- Sandbag weights that are specially made for securing canopies and weigh at least 25 pounds. These sandbag weights are vertical and can be strapped to the legs of the canopy.
- PVC pipe capped and filled with cement can be hung on the inside of canopy poles as long as it is secured so that it does not collide with customers.
- The best weights are strapped to the bottom of each leg, and then tethered via a bungee to the top corner of the canopy, thus lowering the center of gravity of the canopy. In a strong gust of wind, even canopies secured with enough weight can be broken if the weights are not suspended from the top corners of the canopy.

### Examples of Bad Canopy Weights

- Gallon water jugs are not heavy enough for large gusts of wind. One gallon of water weighs 8 pounds. One gallon of water on each corner would be the equivalent of a 3-year-old child trying to hold down a 100 square foot parachute.
- Tying tents, canopies or umbrellas to tables, or coolers provides tripping hazards and frequently does not provide adequate weight. Vendor safety is just as important as customer safety.
- Sandbags that cannot be placed upright and securely tied to the tent or canopy should not be used.
- Keep in mind that cement blocks are hard, easy to trip over, and are remarkably effective toe and shin breakers.
- Avoid stretched out cords and lines at all costs. Customers and their children could get them wrapped around their arms or legs, causing them to trip and fall, and perhaps pull over vendor displays in the process.