



Mardi Gras Southeast Texas, Inc.
February 08, 09, 10, 11 2024
Great Lawn & Event Centre
Beaumont, Texas



Commercial Vendors

Welcome to Mardi Gras Southeast Texas 2024. The event is held in Downtown Beaumont Texas, located near the Great Lawn and Event Center on Crockett Street. MGSET will continue with a family friendly festival; parades, carnival, vendors and entertainment.

Agreement/Access Attached is the Arts & Craft agreement, guidelines, regulations and opening times that you will need to comply with. Absolutely NO Vehicles will be allowed to drive in the grounds after noon Thursday 2/08/24. Those with trailers will be required to be horizontal to the curb. If you are not able to comply, please call to discuss and see if an alternate location is available. If you are using a 10 x 10 tent the back legs of the tent should be against the curb

GUIDELINES FOR INSPECTIONS: Vendor setup will be in 2 groups starting Wednesday 2/07/24 from 10 am - 5 pm and Thursday 2/08/24 10 am - noon. Please arrive at your designated time, early setup will not be allowed. Pull in, drop trailer/tent and remove vehicle. Vehicles will not be permitted to park in the grounds. Once the vehicle is removed you may return and work at your booth until 5 pm on Wednesday. On Thursday Vendors must be completely setup and vehicle removed by noon for inspection. Inspection will not be done before vehicle is removed. Vendor must be operational by 4:00 pm on Thursday, opening day.

WEDNESDAY 2/07/24: You will be notified of your group once the application is approved. Vendors will be allowed to enter in numerical order on Bowie Street – no exceptions.

- **GROUP 1** will start at 11 am – **(DO NOT BE LATE OR YOU MAY BE SUBJECT TO RELOCATION)**
- **GROUP 2** will start at 2pm – 5 pm **(DO NOT SHOW UP BEFORE 2 PM)**

THURSDAY 2/08/24: You will be notified of your group once the application is approved. Vendors will be allowed to enter in numerical order on Bowie Street – no exceptions.

- **GROUP 1** will start at 10 am – noon **(DO NOT BE LATE OR YOU MAY BE SUBJECT TO RELOCATION)**

GUIDELINES FOR INSPECTIONS: Inspections for vendors will be done on **Thursday 2/08/24** starting at 1pm to 4 pm. Someone is required to be in your booth when they arrive in order to receive the inspection. Inspection is required to receive your vendor wristbands. You must comply with all guidelines of the City of Beaumont.

You are responsible for providing the electrical plug and 50ft of cord if you need for power. Heavy duty electrical cords & surge protectors are required (no household cords). Power available by 10 am Wednesday. Overnight security will be provided. Fire extinguisher required. **VENDORS ARE REQUIRED TO BRING A TRASH CAN & dispose waste at the nearest dumpster each evening.**

Please return application with payment by 10/1/23, space is limited. Once approved we will assign space, group numbers, and location(s). We are looking forward to working with Vendors and the City of Beaumont and staff. Let's hope mother nature blesses us with 4 days of sunshine so that all may enjoy another successful year at Mardi Gras Southeast Texas in Downtown Beaumont!

Sincerely,

Laura Childress
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Thur. Feb. 08	5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Fri. Feb. 09	6:00 PM - 12:00 AM
Sat. Feb. 10	12:00 PM - 12:00 AM
Sun. Feb. 11	12:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Fee: Outdoor \$1000 10x10
Fee: Outdoor \$1500 10x20

COMMERCIAL CONCESSION AGREEMENT

IT IS HEREBY AGREED THE UNDERSIGNED, AS A LICENSEE, WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OPERATION OF A CONCESSION BOOTH

Returning Concessionaire shall pay to Mardi Gras Southeast Texas, Inc (MGSET) at the time of application a vendor fee of \$350 for outdoor space on or before 10/01/23 for the 2024 event. Concessionaire understands the payment is non-refundable. The concession shall remain open during the times shown above. Concessionaire will remove all equipment no later than the following day after the festival is closed (no security on Sunday night).

Upon execution of this Agreement, Concessionaire shall pay to Mardi Gras Southeast Texas, Inc. (MGSET) a vendor fee. MGSET, Inc. agrees to furnish, for the Concessionaire use, a 10' x 10' space as the Concessionaire booth with electricity nearby on the premises. Payment shall be non-refundable. Concessionaire is responsible for all fixtures at concession booth. Extension cords used to conduct electricity shall be in good and serviceable condition and of three-ground type, minimum wire size No. 14. Concessionaire is required to furnish one five (5) pound ABC fire extinguisher at booth. Electric Heaters are prohibited. Special electrical needs will be at the expense of the Concessionaire.

All Concessionaire spaces are located within the festival grounds. Outdoor spaces will be near the great lawn. All concessionaires are to remain open the duration of the show – no early closures. MGSET Inc. agrees to provide Concessionaire designated Vendor Passes for the event upon completion of all inspections and removal of vehicle. Passes are limited to necessary workers only.

Concessionaire agrees to be responsible for collection and reporting of sales tax and is required to file by list showing the City of Beaumont location for all sales. Texas Sales tax number is required – to apply please contact Texas Sales Tax Comptroller at 800-252-5555 or file online @ <https://comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/permit/>

Concessionaire agrees to indemnify and hold harmless, MGSET, Inc., City of Beaumont and its officers and directors, causes of action or damage of any kind, for injury to, or death of any person and/or damages to property arising out of the use and operation of this concession booth by Concessionaire, its agents, vendors, contractors, employees and/or participating members. This agreement to indemnify and hold harmless MGSET, Inc. and the City of Beaumont specifically extends to any acts of omission or negligence on the part of the above, its officers, directors, employees and agents. Overnight security is provided after closing on 2/07-10/2024. Secure and cover all items, removing valuables, as MGSET, Inc. is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Reproduction and sale of Official MGSET, Inc. logo or artwork is prohibited. Obscene or offensive items, odor bombs, sprays, knives, glass containers, toy guns, firearms, or any item deemed inappropriate by MGSET, Inc. are prohibited. Strolling or peddling goods outside the designated Concessionaire space is prohibited. Food of any type is prohibited (includes prepackaged products – food products are required to have a food concession agreement).

It is understood that this is not an exclusive concession contract and that MGSET, Inc. shall enter into other concession contracts with other parties and that MGSET, Inc. has exclusive rights to sell these concession contracts.

Failure to comply with any conditions will result in immediate expulsion from the carnival and may jeopardize any future invitations.

(KEEP THIS PAGE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE)



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Information of Special Interest to Concessionaires

- ✓ When concessionaire ownership changes, the new owner **does not** have right of first refusal on the previous owners vending location. The location becomes available to senior vendors at the discretion of MGSET.
- ✓ Vendors may not sub-lease their space for any reason. Our agreement is with the vendor who signs the contract and may not be transferred in any way without the express permission and consent of MGSET.
- ✓ Vendors are provided a 10' x 10' space unless additional space is purchased. You must contain your product within this area (tent post, trailer, tongue, awnings, signage, etc.) While problems are usually worked out with adjacent vendors, there is no guarantee that problems can be resolved. Additional space may be purchased when available.
- ✓ MGSET policy regarding food items sold **prohibits** Concessionaires from selling any item that is consumable. The sale of food requires a Food Concessionaire Agreement. Violation of this policy will result in expulsion and jeopardize future invitations.
- ✓ Vendors must unload and remove vehicle as quickly as possible. Do not leave parked vehicles in the grounds during set up while arrange booth space. Golf carts/4-wheelers are prohibited inside the festival area. Absolutely no vehicles in the grounds after noon 2/08/24. Bring a wagon, hand truck to restock.
- ✓ There is no designated vendor parking and is on a first come basis according to availability.
- ✓ Vendor must have minimum one (1) five-pound 2A10BC Rating ABC type portable fire extinguisher with a **current** 1-year inspection tag. Vending permit will not be issued without proper equipment.
- ✓ Vendor is required to bring a trash can and empty each evening at nearby dumpsters.
- ✓ All extension cords used shall be in good condition and three ground type, minimum wire size no 14. No household type cords allowed only heavy-duty cords permitted. Surge protected extensions strips must be used. No electrical heaters permitted.
- ✓ A Texas Sales Tax Permit number and Photograph is required when application for space is made. **Please do not return application without complete information.** Application will not be processed if incomplete.
- ✓ Shoplifters will be prosecuted. Security is provided however; vendors should secure merchandise and remove any valuables. MGSET is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

VENDOR GATE ADMISSION POLICY FOR 2024

Vendors are provided passes for necessary workers upon completion of inspection. Vendors must be completely setup and ready by noon Thursday for inspections and be operational by 4:00 pm on opening day. Vendors will receive passes once inspection is complete. Additional tickets are available for purchase at regular admission rate. Vendors and registered workers will be allowed to walk in any entrance gate with a wristband attached to the wrist, **during** festival hours.

Laura Childress, President & Event Director