

DEARBORN HAUNTED TRAIL

FOOD TRUCK APPLICATION

Food trucks are welcome to apply for vending space at Dearborn Haunted Trail 2026! Carefully read through the following packet and complete the attached application by September 14, 2026.

DEARBORN HAUNTED TRAIL 2026 DATES AND TIMES:

- Friday, October 16, 2026
- Saturday, October 17, 2026
- Sunday, October 18, 2026

PARTICIPATION DETAILS & FEES:

Food Truck Fee - \$500.00

Food trucks must commit to all three days of the event throughout the entirety of operating hours. The event will take place rain or shine.

Because space is limited, vendors are encouraged to apply as early as possible. Applications will not be considered after the deadline.

Please note:

- Dearborn Haunted Trail aims to provide a diversity of offerings and accommodate a variety of dietary interests and needs.
- A committee of event organizers executes the selection of vendors. While the committee aims to rotate featured vendors each year, space is limited, and therefore, not all vendors will be selected.
- Based on our festival audience, halal menu options are strongly recommended.
- Food vendors without a truck unfortunately cannot be accommodated at this event.

Selected vendors will be notified via email no later than September 18, 2026. A payment invoice will be sent upon selection.

Please email completed applications or questions to specialevents@dearborn.gov.

FOOD TRUCK RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Proof of general liability insurance, including product liability insurance, with a minimum value of \$1,000,000 (one million dollars) is required. Your insurance provider must complete the certificate as follows:

The description must EXACTLY state:

“The City of Dearborn, Michigan, its elected officials, officers, employees, boards, commissions, authorities, voluntary associations, and any other units operating under the jurisdiction of the city and within appointment of its operating budget including the City of Dearborn are named as additional insured and said coverage shall be considered to be the primary coverage rather than any policies and insurance or self-insurance retention owned or maintained by the City of Dearborn.”

The certificate holder must list:
City of Dearborn
16901 Michigan Avenue
Dearborn, MI 48126

If a complete certificate is not on file, you will not be permitted to operate your booth and all deposits and fees will be forfeited.

2. All food trucks require a Wayne County Department of Health Temporary Food Service Permit or must submit proof of a Wayne County Food Service License. All food trucks require a City of Dearborn Food Truck License, which may be obtained from the Dearborn City Clerk's office.
3. All food trucks must pass a City inspection.
4. Each assigned space must be left in the same condition in which it was found. All waste must be disposed of properly. If not, the food service operator will be responsible for compensation to the City of Dearborn in the amount required to return the area to its original condition.
5. The decision to cancel Dearborn Haunted Trail due to inclement weather will be made by City of Dearborn event managers. If canceled, the City of Dearborn will not be held responsible for any cost(s) or loss of potential earnings incurred by operators. However, in the event of a full cancellation of the Dearborn Haunted Trail ahead of the event start date, participation fees will be refunded.
6. NO vehicles will be permitted to move through the event grounds past one hour prior to doors. Failure to comply with this rule may result in the immediate forfeiture of your vending privileges without refund.
7. Final say regarding truck placement is at the discretion of festival organizers.

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COMPLETELY fill out the application below. The more details you provide, the better your chances of selection! Completed applications and additional requested items may be sent to specialevents@dearborn.gov by no later than **September 14, 2026** for consideration.

Contact Name:

Name of Food Truck:

Street Address:

City, State, & Zip Code:

Email:

Phone Number:

Website URL:

Provide a one paragraph description of your food truck business & the items you serve:

RELEASE

I hereby release and forever discharge the City of Dearborn, a municipal corporation, its elected officials, officers, employees, agents, boards, commissions, authorities, sponsors, volunteers, and volunteer associations from any and all claims, liabilities, lawsuits, or damages arising out of or in conjunction with my participation in Dearborn Haunted Trail.

I understand I am responsible for consulting my own insurance professional to determine what coverages and limits are appropriate regarding my participation in Dearborn Haunted Trail. I understand that any and all policies secured by the City will not and does not extend to any participating vendor. By executing this agreement, I understand and agree that I am voluntarily accepting legal responsibility and agreeing to hold harmless and indemnify the City of Dearborn for any and all bodily injury and/or property damage claims of which I am responsible or solely at fault.

I hereby apply to be a vendor and agree to abide by all of the rules and regulations outlined in this application. I understand that failure to adhere to any of these rules and regulations will result in the immediate forfeiture of my vending privileges, if selected.

Name of Business:

Print Name of Representative:

Signature of Representative:

Date: