

# FIRST TIME VENDOR What Must I Do?

# LET'S GET YOU **STARTED!**

# ⋆ ∠ easy steps to become a new vendor ⋆

#### STEP 1:

You must **become a member** with *Mardi Gras Productions* to work at our Spectacular events. There is **NO FEE** to become a member. You will receive a *Mardi Gras* Membership Card with an I.D.# and be entered into our system so that you will receive all current schedules, updates and space assignments.

#### STEP 2:

**Purchase a space** in one of our events.

#### STEP 3

Get a New York State Certificate of Authority (Sales Tax #). It's Easy to Apply for. There is NO FEE for this. It's FREE.

• Just Apply Online here: <a href="https://www.businessexpress.ny.gov/app/answers/cms/a\_id/2058/">https://www.businessexpress.ny.gov/app/answers/cms/a\_id/2058/</a>
Then after you've received your NYS Certificate of Authority, please provide a copy to <a href="#">Mardi Gras Productions</a>.

STEP 4:

## **NON-FOOD VENDORS ONLY**

Apply for a **TEMPORARY STREET FAIR VENDOR PERMIT** There is a \$10 per month fee.

You can get a permit for 1 month or for several months. You must bring a letter from Mardi Gras (given upon request after purchasing an event) and your New York State Certificate of Authority (Sales Tax #). Apply here:

https://www1.nyc.gov/nycbusiness/description/temporary-street-fair-vendor-permit

After you've received your TEMPORARY STREET FAIR VENDOR PERMIT, please provide a copy to Mardi Gras.

#### **FOOD VENDORS**

Food vendors **DO NOT NEED** a **TEMPORARY STREET FAIR VENDOR PERMIT**.

#### Food Vendors need;

- Food Protection Certificate

  AND
- Temporary Food Service Establishment Permit. (TFSE)

If you do not have a **Food Protection Certificate**, you must register for the **Food Protection Course** before you submit your **TFSE** application.

#### **Food Protection Course.**

#### Free Online Training – It's Easy to Apply for.

Apply here: http://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/business/health-academy/food-protection-online-free.page

Food Service establishments (FSEs) (e.g restaurants) and mobile food vending units with a valid DOHMH permit are not required to obtain a separate TFSE permit. A copy of the FSE's permit must be submitted to Mardi Gras. A copy of the FSE's permit must also be kept onsite at the event and available upon inspection.

## **Temporary Food Service Establishment Permit. (TFSE)**

Apply here: <a href="http://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/business/food-operators/temporary-food-service-establishments.page">http://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/business/food-operators/temporary-food-service-establishments.page</a> for information on how to apply for your TFSE.

After you've received your TFSE, please provide a copy to Mardt Gras.

## WHAT MUST I DO TO BECOME A Mardi Gras MEMBER?

- Download the **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION** form, fill it out and sign at the bottom.
- Then EMAIL it to: mardigras@nycstreetfairs.com.
- You may call us for assistance anytime at (212) 809-4900.
- Office hours are Monday Friday from 9:30am 2:30pm.

# **IF I CALL THE OFFICE, WHAT INFORMATION MUST I HAVE READY?**

- Your Name.
- A description of the item you wish to sell. (BE SPECIFIC) (You can only sell one type of item per Member I.D. #)

Mardi Gras is equipped to handle this over the phone in just minutes.

You can also visit our office. We accept cash, credit card or money order. Absolutely NO CHECKS.