



2026 Commercial and Food Vendor
Application Packet



The 2026 Putnam County Fair is coming up! Fair dates are July 10 through July 18, 2026.

Last years fair was a great success with new vendors, and many improvements to our Fair and Fairgrounds. However, we are excited and expect an ever-better 2026 Fair and we hope that you will join us! We are looking forward to partnering with you to promote your business and our fair.

The biggest change that everyone should be aware of is that we are no longer contracted with Pepsi. So, “Approved Food Vendors” can bring any non-alcoholic beverages you would like to sale and set your own prices. However, The Fair Board reserves the right, if needed, to establish a fair minimum and maximum price that may be charged for food and drinks. Non-Food or Educational vendors are not allowed to sale, or give away, any beverage products.

Included with this letter are the 2026 Commercial and Food Vendor Application, Food Concession Regulations, Indemnification/Hold Harmless Agreement, and General Guidelines. As independent vendors you are responsible for determining if you need any of the following licenses or permits and obtaining them. West Virginia State Business License (304-558-8000), City of Eleanor Business License (304-586-2319), Health Department/Food Handlers Permits (304-757-2541). **I only need you to return your application, Indemnification Agreement, Insurance Requirement Acknowledgement, and a copy of your insurance declarations page naming the Putnam County Fair as an additional insured returned to me.** All other licensing and permits are your responsibility and should be available on site for inspections by the respective agencies.

The Putnam County Fair is continuously working with the Town of Eleanor to make improvements to the fairgrounds to ensure a positive experience for both exhibitors and attendees. However, the weather is completely unpredictable. For those of you that are returning you know it ALWAYS rains at least 1 day. We have made substantial improvements to the drainage; however, it would be beneficial for you to be prepared for a few wet and soggy days.

Listed below are the 2026 prices and specifications for the 3 types of commercial spaces available. These prices include sales tax on these vendor spots, if applicable. Parking is now free in the general parking area. There is not a specific vendor parking area anymore.

THE BLACKTOP AREA IS RESERVED FOR HANDICAPPED PLACARD VEHICLES ONLY.

25' x 15' Space - \$750 – Commercial Food Vendor

- This setup is for a Commercial food vendor and requires the booth to be staffed throughout the entire Fair schedule. These booths come with three gate passes for workers (*carnival rides not included.*) Additional gate passes (no carnival rides) may be purchased for \$30 per pass. Season tickets with rides included may be purchased at <https://putnamcountyFairwv.com/tickets/>.
- NOTE- No vehicles will be allowed to enter the Fair area 30 minutes before opening or while the Fair is open and must be moved to the general parking 15 minutes before opening. If you have a vehicle for supplies only, after inspection by David or Tasha Bailey, a special Fairground parking pass will be issued for that one (1) vehicle to remain inside the Fairgrounds during operating hours. The pass must be displayed on the dash of the one vehicle it is registered to, and the vehicle is prohibited to operate on the Fairgrounds while the Fair is open. This vehicle must be in place 30 minutes before the Fair is set to open. NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE SO PLEASE DON'T ASK.

25' x 15' Space - \$325– Commercial Non-food Vendor

- This setup is for Commercial non-food vendors and requires the booth to be staffed throughout the entire Fair schedule. These booths come with three gate passes for workers (*carnival rides not included.*) Additional gate

passes (no carnival rides) may be purchased for \$30 per pass. Season tickets with rides included may be purchased at <https://putnamcountyFairwv.com/tickets/>.

- NOTE- No vehicles will be allowed in the Fair area 30 minutes before opening or while the Fair is open and must be moved to general parking 15 minutes before opening. If you have a vehicle for supplies, after inspection by David or Tasha Bailey, a special Fairground parking pass will be issued for that one vehicle to remain inside the Fairgrounds during operating hours. The pass must be displayed on the dash of the one vehicle it is registered to, and the vehicle is prohibited to operate on the Fairgrounds while the Fair is open. This vehicle must be in place 30 minutes before the Fair is set to open. NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS SO PLEASE DON'T ASK

10' x 10' Space - \$250– Educational/Informational Booth (non-sales)

- This booth is for educational/exhibit/literature booths. Exhibitors at this booth will not be selling any products. Booths must be set setup throughout the entire Fair schedule with staffing hours posted. These booths come with two gate passes (*carnival rides not included.*) Additional gate passes may be purchased for \$30 per pass. Season tickets with rides included may be purchased at <https://putnamcountyFairwv.com/tickets/>.
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Camping Spots- \$125 for entire event

- Space for vendor campers is limited and will be first come first serve. We will try to accommodate everyone's request; however, we cannot guarantee that your camper will be near your booth. We will do our best to ensure all campers have electricity and water, but we are unable to guarantee either. A sewer hookup is not available, but a dump station is available if you bring your blue tank. I encourage everyone to bring adapters for all electric plugs (20 amp, 30 amp, and 50 amp) to adapt to your camper's needs. I also encourage everyone to bring a water "Y" with backflow preventors if you plan to run water to your camper.

We are looking forward to working with returning vendors that have been with us in the past as well as any new vendors. If you have any questions or require any additional information you may contact David Bailey at (304) 542-7408 or email us at pcfvendorcommittee@gmail.com.

Thank you for your time and we look forward to seeing you at the Putnam County Fair this summer!

Sincerely,

David Bailey, Commercial Vendor Chairman



Logistical Details for the Space

Electric Required: No 110 (regular household plug) 30amp 50amp

Water Required: Y / N (Select YES only if you need a constant connection to the water supply.) **(Backflow preventors are required so bring a “Y” and back flow preventor).** Backflow preventors are sold at Lowe’s for about \$7)

Camping (\$100 camping fee)

Space for vendor campers is limited. We will try to accommodate your request. However, we cannot guarantee that your camper will be near your booth. Campers may have water, but a sewer hookup is not available. Electricity cannot be guaranteed. All campers should bring all electric adapters to adjust to different types of plugs or amps. All campers should bring water “Y’s” and backflow preventors (sold at Lowes for about \$7) are required.

The cost to camp for the event will be \$100.00.

Camping Space Requested: Y / N Camper type and size _____

Electric Service for Camper: 110 (regular household plug) 30amp 50amp

Additional Tickets/Passes for your Staff

Additional Gate Passes (carnival rides NOT included) Qty _____ @ \$30 = \$ _____

Payment must be made by certified check, money order or cash.

Return the completed application ASAP to pcfvendorcommittee@gmail.com or mail to

Putnam County Fair of WV

Attn: Vendor Committee

PO Box 955

Eleanor, WV 25070

Signature _____

Date _____

Printed Name _____

Date _____



2026 Putnam County Fair Commercial, Exhibit and Food Vendor Guidelines

The following guidelines are applicable to all Commercial, Exhibit or Food vendors.

- ❖ All spaces are outdoors.
- ❖ Exhibitors/Vendors must provide proof of insurance with a minimum amount of **\$1,000,000** naming the Putnam County Fair Inc. as “additionally insured” with their application.
- ❖ Exhibitors/Vendors must submit with their application a completed Indemnification/Hold Harmless Agreement (provided).
- ❖ Exhibitors/Vendors must obtain their State of WV and City of Eleanor business licenses and have them on site for inspection.
- ❖ Food Vendors must obtain an application for a food permit, if required, from the health department and have a copy on site for inspection.
- ❖ Exhibitors/Vendors must adhere to all WV Department of Health and Fire Marshall regulations.
- ❖ Exhibitors/Vendors are responsible for the payment of sales taxes including the City of Eleanor B&O tax. You can obtain the appropriate form from the Town of Eleanor.
- ❖ Exhibitors/Vendors must provide their own tent or awning cover.
- ❖ All tents or awnings must be properly secured with stakes for safety.
- ❖ No moving vehicles are permitted in the exhibitor area during Fair operational hours or 15 minutes prior.
 - No vehicles, other than the one (1) described below, are permitted inside the Fairgrounds 30 minutes before opening and must be moved to general parking 15 minutes before opening. **NO EXCEPTIONS**
 - Only one stock vehicle may be parked behind your exhibit if it does not impede the flow of Fair traffic or interfere with day to day operations of the Fair or fellow exhibitors. This vehicle must be pre-inspected as a stock vehicle and issued a special Fairground parking pass to remain inside the Fairgrounds 15 minutes prior to opening. This vehicle is prohibited from operating while the Fair is open. **NO EXCEPTIONS**
 - **THE BLACKTOP AREA IN PARKING IS RESERVED FOR HANDICAPPED PLACARD VEHICLES ONLY.**
- ❖ Food booths shall have at least 1 person at the booth 1 hour prior to opening.
- ❖ No exhibits shall be removed prior to the Fair closing at 11pm on Saturday July 18th, 2026, without prior approval.
- ❖ All exhibits must be removed from the Fair on Sunday, July 19th, 2026, unless prior arrangements are made with David or Tasha Bailey.
- ❖ **ALL TRASH SHOULD BE PLACED IN THE DUMPSTER PRIOR TO LEAVING AND YOUR AREA CLEANED UP.**
- ❖ **IF YOU FAIL TO CLEAN UP YOUR IMMEDIATE AREA YOU MAY FORFEIT YOUR OFFER TO RETURN NEXT YEAR**



2026 Putnam County Fair Food Concessions Regulations

The Fair Board shall reserve the exclusive control of all beverage products including ice. This year “Approved Food Vendors” may bring any beverage, non-alcoholic, that you desire to sale. You are responsible for setting your own prices for your beverage products. Non-Food and Educational vendors are not allowed to sale, or give away, any beverage products. Ice will still be available for sale on site like past years for any vendor.

To ensure reasonable profits for all groups, the Food Committee may limit the food concessions. The committee shall receive and review all food concession applications and grant approval based upon assurance of capability to deliver a quality operation, meeting all regulations, with priority being given to in-county non-profit organizations agreeing to provide Fair goers with a variety of specialty items that will enhance the total food service at the Fair.

All food vendors must provide their own insurance. Each exhibitor or vendor must provide an individual liability insurance policy of no less than \$1,000,000 naming the Putnam County Fair Inc. as “additional insured.” The fee for operating a food booth will be \$750 including tax if applicable.

- Three vendor/exhibitor gate passes will be provided with each contract. Additional gate passes may be purchased for \$30. (*Carnival rides not included.*) Season tickets with rides included may be purchased at <https://putnamcountyFairwv.com/tickets/>. **Everyone must have a ticket or pass to enter the gate.** All food must be sold within the area of the space rented. No items can be sold other than those from the preapproved menu which must be included with the application, unless approved by the vendor chairman. The concessionaire agrees to provide his/her own food booth. You are renting the space only.

Vendors that will be camping on the Fairgrounds will be charged \$125 for the 9-day event. We will be moving vendors and campers in starting on the Monday prior to opening.

To operate a food concession the organization must agree to the following:

- All food concessions must be operated in compliance with WV Food Service Regulations as supervised by the Putnam County Health Department and the WV State Board of Health.
- All food booths must be ready for the Health Department inspection prior to the Fair opening to the public.
- All food must be from an approved source. All meat must be purchased from an approved commercial supplier.
- All donated meat must be USDA or WV State Department of Agriculture approved.
- All food must be prepared in an approved kitchen.
- To operate a concession the concessionaire agrees to be responsible for all State and City licenses and taxes, and liability insurance to protect themselves and the Fair Board.
- Concessionaires must adhere to all guides established by the WV Department of Health as well as the Fire Marshall.
- The Fair Board reserves the right, if needed, to establish a fair minimum and maximum prices that may be charged for food and drinks.
- All food booths shall remain open for business until the closing of the Fair each day unless prior approval is granted.



Indemnification Agreement

The undersigned does hereby irrevocably covenant, promise and agree to indemnify defend and hold harmless the Putnam County Fair, Inc. and/or its respective officers, directors, employees, agents, and representatives, from and against any and all third-party claims, demands, actions, causes of action, fines, losses or damages whatsoever and any related costs and expense including reasonable attorney fees which _____ may sustain or become subject arising out of or relating in any way to the sale of products, services, or anything while having a Putnam County Fair Commercial or Food Booth at the Eleanor Park Fair Grounds in Eleanor, WV, including without limitation in each case attorney's fee, costs and expense actually incurred and defending against or enforcing any such losses, claims, expenses, suites, damages, or liabilities.

I, _____, have read and understand all the rules and regulations of the Putnam County Fair, Inc. for Commercial and Food Vendor spaces.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Signed: _____

Fair Board Chairman



Insurance Requirement Acknowledgement

Vendor will maintain throughout the term of the contract the following insurance against liability arising out of their activities related to this agreement and the event:

General Liability Insurance of no less than \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence and \$1,000,000.00 aggregate. The policy shall name the Putnam County Fair, Inc., and their agents and/or employees' as Additional Insured. The policy must also name the Putnam County Fair, Inc. as the Certificate Holder. If the vendor is not required by local statute to maintain Worker's Compensation insurance coverage the Renter/Vendor explicitly agrees that it is the entire responsibility of the Vendor and not the Putnam County Fair, Inc. to assume any liabilities or related expenses in any way related to work related injuries of employees, vendors, subcontractors, partners or associates (not including Putnam County Fair, Inc.) of the Renter/Vendor unless such injury is due to the sole negligence of the Putnam County Fair, Inc. It is also agreed that in no circumstance are any employees, vendors, subcontractors, partners, or other associates of the Vendor ever to be deemed employees of Putnam County Fair, Inc.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Signed: _____

Fair Board Chairman



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 - **THE BLACKTOP AREA IN PARKING IS RESERVED FOR HANDICAPPED PLACARD VEHICLES ONLY.**
- ❖ Your vendor gate pass (no rides) is authorized for 3 scans per day. If you leave the fairgrounds you may need to get your hand stamped for reentry. Your vendor gate pass will also get you into general parking without paying.
- You are responsible for bringing your own non-alcoholic beverages to sale. You are not limited to branding such as Pepsi anymore. As such, the fair board will not have any drink products on the fairgrounds for your purchase. Additionally, you are responsible for setting your own drink prices this year. However, The Fair Board reserves the right, if needed, to establish a fair minimum and maximum prices that may be charged for food and drinks. Non-Food vendors **cannot** sale, or give away, any beverage products.
- ❖ If you have electric drink coolers you can bring them and plug into your electric supply already provided to you. If you have ice coolers the fair board will still have ice on site for sale just like previous years. The price for ice has not been determined yet.
- ❖ All tents or awnings must be properly secured with stakes for safety.
- ❖ All exhibits must be removed from the Fair on Sunday, July 21st, 2024, unless prior arrangements are made with David or Tasha Bailey.
- ❖ All trash should be placed in the dumpster prior to leaving
- ❖ There is a grease trap on the fairgrounds near the ice chest. It is located outside of the old fair office between the block bathrooms and the carnival camping area. Please make use of this service with your grease but please **do not throw trash in the grease trap.**