

2025 Iris Festival

TASTE AT THE GARDENS FOOD VENDOR APPLICATION

The annual Iris Festival Taste at the Gardens will be held on Thursday, May 15th from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at Swan Lake Iris Gardens – Garden Street Side. **THIS IS A FOOD VENDOR ONLY EVENT.**

Please return page two of the Application with a check or money order made payable to the SUMTER IRIS FESTIVAL COMMISSION, Post Office Box 1802, Sumter, South Carolina 29151. All fees are non-refundable. Each vendor must have a Business License from the City of Sumter – fees are based on your class rate (fees start at \$25). To obtain this license, please contact the City of Sumter Business License Office (803) 774-1601 during regular business hours (Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) or email businesslicense@sumtersc.gov. *The Business License Application check must be made payable to the City of Sumter; please do NOT return it with your Iris Festival entry form.*

POLICIES FOR ALL VENDORS

- The entry fee is \$100 for up to 10' x 20' space.
- Spaces may only be occupied by one vendor at any time.
- All applications, payments, fees, etc. must be received by the Iris Festival Commission by April 30, 2025.
- No applications will be accepted after April 30.
- Two tables will be provided to use at the event at no charge if requested.
- There is no charge for power. Power is limited, so it must be requested. 110 household plugs only.
- You must provide heavy-duty extension cords.
- You will need your own cash drawer.
- All exhibitors must be approved by the Commission and are responsible for obtaining their own business license.
- South Carolina Department of Agriculture may inspect and permit each vendor. You may also be checked for your Sumter Business License and South Carolina Retail License.
- All DHEC rules must be followed.
- Please include a copy of your business license with the application.
- A full menu with prices must always be displayed at your booth.
- You are required to provide your menu, prices, and photos of your food with the application.
- Only items listed on the menu submitted with your application may be sold.
- The Iris Festival Commission cannot provide personnel to help with set-up or break-down.
- No pets are allowed.
- No refunds will be given under any circumstance.
- The Committee reserves the right to refuse entry to any vendor.
- No smoking is allowed in the Gardens.
- No trash/debris should be left in the park after the end of the event. Please always keep your area clean.
- All vendor items must be contained within the contracted vendor space.
- Set-up will begin at 1:00 p.m. Set-up must be concluded by 5:00 p.m.
- All vehicles must be removed from the Gardens area and parked in the designated vendor lot by 5:00 p.m.
- No disposal of any products (including water) is allowed within the Gardens. All items brought into the Gardens should be taken out of the Gardens with you at the close of the event.
- The theme this year is “Purple Wonder”

Your application will not be considered without a stamped and self-addressed envelope, payment, vetting information, and photos! We look forward to seeing you!

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You may keep page 1 for your information/records. We advise that you keep a copy of your completed application as well.


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Please return this completed application, menu, prices, and photos, with a stamped and self-addressed envelope, and the entry fee to the following address by April 30th

Sumter Iris Festival Commission
c/o Taste at the Gardens
Post Office Box 1802
Sumter, South Carolina 29151-1802

Contact Name _____ Date _____

Business Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ E-mail _____

Website _____

Facebook _____ Instagram _____

Have you previously participated in the Taste at the Gardens? No _____ Yes _____ Year(s) _____

Vetting Information: Name, Date of Birth, Sex, and Race of each person who will work at your booth.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Is your menu attached to this application? Yes _____ No _____ (menu must be received prior to application approval)

Number of 10' x 20' Spaces _____

Electricity (110) Requested: Yes _____ No _____

Are two tables needed? Yes _____ No _____

Total Vendor Fee Enclosed (\$100 for each 10' x 20' space) \$ _____

The undersigned hereby indemnifies the Sumter Iris Festival Commission, Taste at the Gardens Committee and its members, the City of Sumter, Sumter County, and subsidiaries, and their affiliates in the event of loss or damage to goods and/or personal injury. Undersigned also understands that there are no refunds and agrees to abide by all rules of the event.

Signature _____ Date _____

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