

Downtown Bridgeport Ramadan Night Market

2026 Vendor Regulations

Thank you for your interest in the 2026 Downtown Bridgeport Ramadan Night Market. The Ramadan Night Market is located at the historic Arcade Mall in the heart of Downtown Bridgeport and will be held from 4:00 to 8:00 pm on Thursday, February 26, through Sunday, March 1, 2026.

1. Governing Agency: The Bridgeport Downtown Special Services District (DSSD) produces the Ramadan Night Market in collaboration with the City of Bridgeport with the aim of bringing people together during the month of Ramadan by fostering community connection, cultural exchange, and inclusive evening gathering spaces through food, culture, and local vendors.

The Bridgeport DSSD has complete authority over the operation of the market and reserves the right to limit and control the use of the space where the market operates.

2. The Bridgeport DSSD and its designate will act as administrator of the market. The **Administrator's duties will include: the selection of participating market sellers (Vendors), collection of documentation and fees from Vendors, and resolving or forwarding to the proper authority any questions, comments, or complaints involving the operation of the market.**

3. The hours of operation and location of the market: The market will be held on Thursday, February 26, through Sunday, March 1, 2026, at the Arcade Mall, 1001 Main Street, Bridgeport, CT 06604. Market hours are 4:00 to 8:00 pm. Vendors must be finished with set up and prepared to sell by 3:30 pm. Breakdown may begin at 8:00 pm and not before. **If a Vendor is unable to attend a market date, they are required to notify the Bridgeport DSSD at least 24 hours in advance.** Hours of operation will be subject to change at the discretion of the Market Manager(s).

4. Obligations of market sellers to government agencies: All Vendors in the Ramadan Night Market must comply with all Bridgeport DSSD, City of Bridgeport, State of Connecticut, and U.S. Government regulations and requirements. All Vendors must conform to all requirements of all pertinent health agencies and must maintain all pertinent health documents at their market site to be produced upon demand. All scales must bear a Connecticut Department of Consumer Affairs seal. Any required sales tax charges are the responsibility of each Vendor. Vendors who sell anything subject to collection of sales tax are responsible for doing so themselves. Vendors must adhere to additional requirements of law and regulation as they arise, or any requirement that the Market Manager(s) in his/her sole judgment believes necessary to maintain an orderly market.

Prepared Food Vendors: Per the CT Department of Public Health, the following products are exempt from Temporary Food Permit requirement:

- Fresh produce (fresh, uncut fruits and vegetables)
- Unprocessed honey (raw honey as defined by the National Honey Board)
- Maple syrup
- Farm fresh eggs (must be stored and maintained at 45 degrees F or lower).

All other food product vendors are required to obtain a Temporary Food Permit from the City of Bridgeport. Vendors who sell ready-to-eat foods prepared on site and/or commercially prepared **foods that are not packaged must hold the necessary vendor's license**. If you do not have the necessary licenses, please see the links below for more information:

- [City of Bridgeport Environmental Health Permits](#)
- [State of Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection Food Licensing and Registration](#)

All processed and prepared foods to be sold at the Ramadan Night Market must come from an approved source and must be prepared at an approved, inspected facility. These facilities can be commercial kitchens, inspected church kitchens, or other retail or wholesale food establishments. Each vendor should make arrangements with the appropriate personnel to use these facilities. Private kitchens cannot be used for processing or preparing foods. In addition, all vendors serving food must be licensed. Please refer to the [Food Safety Guidelines](#) document for additional information.

Food and produce products sold at the Ramadan Night Market must fit within the confines of Connecticut's vendor regulations found here: [Connecticut State Department of Consumer Protection Laws & Regulations](#).

If you are accepted as a Ramadan Night Market vendor, you will be asked to provide a copy of your Commercial Kitchen License and/or Health Department permits, and [ServSafe Certification](#).

5. Who may sell in the market: Only Vendors who have satisfied all of the requirements of the Ramadan Night Market Regulations are allowed to sell in the market. No other activities other than the selling of approved products will be allowed without permission of the Market Manager(s), and in accordance with the restrictions of the City of Bridgeport.

6. Samples: If sample food products are offered to the public, samples must be kept cool in clean, covered containers and distributed in individual portions with clean disposable serving utensils. Please refrain from using plastic utensils wherever possible. Hand sanitizers and paper towels must be available to customers at all times. Sampling must conform to the City of Bridgeport Department of Health guidelines.

7. Fair Pricing: All products must be properly labeled, and all prices must be clearly marked. All scales must be in good repair and bear a Connecticut Department of Consumer Affairs seal.

8. Signage and Location: Each Vendor is required to prominently display the name and **location of their business. The Bridgeport DSSD will provide an 8'x8' space, including one** six-foot table and one chair for each vendor. Each Vendor is responsible for setting up and closing down their location, must operate a clean vending location during market hours, and must leave their location the way they found it.

14. All Vendors and their employees must act professionally. They must be courteous and honest with all customers. There will be no profanity, shouting, or causing of disruption to the Ramadan Night Market.

15. All Vendors agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Bridgeport DSSD and its respective officers, Commissioners, employees, volunteers, and agents from and against any and all claims, demands, losses, damages, costs, liabilities, and expenses (including, but not limited to, **reasonable attorneys' fees** and costs of suit, investigation fees, and expert fees) of whatever kind or character, on account of any actual or alleged loss, injury, or damage to any person, firm, or corporation or to any property, arising out of or in connection with the negligent actions or omissions or willful misconduct on the part of the Vendor. In no event shall the Bridgeport DSSD, the Market Manager(s), or any of their respective officers, Commissioners, employees, volunteers, and agents be liable for any incidental, special, or consequential damages (including without limitation lost profits) even if they have been advised of the possibility of such damages.

16. The procedure for becoming a Vendor of the Ramadan Night Market: The applicant will submit to an application via the [Ramadan Night Market online Vendor Application Form](#) and in detail list all products the applicant would like to sell at the market, as well as any other information or documents that the Market Manager(s) may request, in order to determine the eligibility of the applicant to sell at the market.

To complete the application process, you must make a deposit via PayPal by your vendor type. Your application will not be considered complete until the deposit is received. If for some reason, you are not selected as a vendor at the Ramadan Night Market, the deposit will be returned in full.

- Food Trucks, deposit \$200 via this link:
<https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/4EZ6K9V62J4XY>
- Indoor Food Vendors, deposit \$100 via this link:
<https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/W43NCZTRPPH94>
- Retail or Craft Vendors, deposit \$50 via this link:
<https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/TPEFWB8XCFYBA>

Vendor applications are due by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, January 30, 2026, via the online application form below. Please note, a submitted application does not mean that you are automatically selected to be a vendor at the Ramadan Night Market. The Bridgeport DSSD and partners will review the applications and decide on which vendors to approve by Wednesday, February 4, 2026. Preference will be given to vendors who are able to attend all four dates. Any questions can be directed to hello@colorfulbridgeport.com or by phone to (203) 908-3622.

Once Vendors are notified that they are accepted, the Market Manager(s) will request a copy of their business insurance, required certifications, and a signed Ramadan Night Market Member Agreement signifying agreement to abide by the Regulations in order to participate in the Market. For purposes of clarity, all Ramadan Night Market Members are Vendors who have been approved by the Market Manager(s).