

**ODESSA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
GUIDELINES FOR FOOD BOOTHS  
During Deutsches Fest**

1. Only Odessa area organizations or businesses can serve food and must have Odessa Chamber of Commerce Food Committee approval in advance to serve in the food circus areas which include the closed to traffic street areas and the Odessa Plaza corner lot.
2. Each food booth is required to report their planned hours of operation, their menu and their prices to the Food Committee Chairman early in the summer for advertising and promotional work. This will also allow us to estimate the food supply for the expected crowds. The Food Committee will then approve or suggest changes using the following criteria:
  - A. Variety and authenticity of food products to serve.
  - B. Pricing of food products.
  - C. Placement of food sales outlet.
3. If one organization drops food items for one year, another group can serve that food item the following year on approval of the Food Committee.
4. Space for food booths were selected by the local organizations at the beginning of the Fest and stay the same from year to year. If an organization gives up their reserved space for one year, then that location may be reassigned to another local group by the Food Committee.
5. Each food booth is responsible for their own garbage being transported to the dumpsters provided by the city. One or more barrels are located close to each booth which then are emptied in the closest dumpster for pickup by the city crews. It is recommended that each booth utilized plastic liners to make cleanup easier.
6. Booths should be set up no later than Thursday before Deutschesfest so that the power can be connected to the booths.

7. Food booths may turn in an order for paper products (napkins, paper plates, cups, etc.) to the Food Committee Chairman in order to get lower costs for those participating in group purchasing. The booth sponsor is expected to pay for their paper products.
8. In order to add to the German theme, we ask that personnel serving in the food booths wear German clothing.
9. The Odessa Chamber has approved one non-Odessa food vendor which has been sponsored by a local organization. The purpose of this approved outside vendor is to insure enough food to serve our guests when the other local booths are closed or run out of food. This outside vendor is expected to comply with same guidelines for operation.
10. Approval to operate a food concession during Fest is granted by the Odessa Chamber Food Committee. Applicants will submit an application prior to August 1<sup>st</sup>, indicating the organization the menu and the product pricing. The Chamber Food Committee will then review the applications and grant approval at the committee's discretion. A permit will be issued to all vendors. These permits will be posted at the booth during Fest. The Chamber reserves the right to remove any vendors that are operating without a permit or serving food not listed on the permit.