



**April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

The Chugiak-Eagle River Chamber of Commerce (CERCC) has 8 Prime Vendor spots available to food vendors during the Bear paw Festival. For 2023 those slots are filled by being “grandfathered” in and reserving the space by a specific date indicated below. If there are any slots available after that date, a lottery will be used to determine a new Vendor. 2023 marks the first year the CERCC will be holding a lottery for any open Prime Vendor slots. The lottery “process” comes with opportunities for improvement in future years and therefore may not have every detail included below. The CERCC reserves the right to make any changes as necessary.

**Details:**

- Preference will be given to Chugiak-Eagle River local food Vendors. Should there be more slots than local vendors, the lottery will open to all food vendors.
- Only Food Vendors with current permitting/licensing will be considered.
- Beginning in 2023 for all new Vendors - No generators are allowed. No water is available. (Electricity will be available)
- Must be a current Chugiak-Eagle River Chamber of Commerce Member in good standing (Community Member Membership excluded)
- Two vendors selling the same items will not be allowed. If a vendor is selected that sells the same item, another vendor will be drawn.
- Every year the lottery will start over.

**Deadlines:**

- Grandfathered Vendors must reserve their space by May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 via email to [executivedirector@cer.org](mailto:executivedirector@cer.org), with contract signed and 10% deposit made by May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- **The Lottery will be open from May 1<sup>st</sup> through May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.** After May 15<sup>th</sup>, the Bear Paw Festival Committee will draw a Vendor for consideration. [The selected vendor will be provided the Prime Slot Fee Price then has 5 working days to accept, put down a 10% Deposit and sign the Contract or forfeits the slot and another vendor will be selected.]

**Other Considerations:**

- Vendors are required to follow all agreements/contracts/and vendor handbooks or will be removed from the Festival and not permitted to return to future Festivals.
- The lottery is solely administered by CERCC and does not apply to Alaska Markets, Golden Wheels or other Chamber-contracted organizations participating in the Bear Paw Festival.
- The current location of the 8 vendors is on land approved for use by either the Eagle River-Chugiak Parks and Rec or other private land. Because of unexpected events, it’s possible that the availability of the location will be impacted and not allow for vendor sales during the entire Festival dates and times. If the land usage approval to the CERCC changes where the 8 vendors are located, the CERCC will do our very best to find a location within the Festival area.
- CERCC Vendors may not claim financial reparations by the CERCC or other landowners.
- In the event that Vendors are unable to operate for less than 50% of the scheduled hours, the Chamber will consider a partial refund on a case-by-case basis.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE LOTTERY, SEND EMAIL TO [EXECUTIVEDIRECTOR@CER.ORG](mailto:EXECUTIVEDIRECTOR@CER.ORG)**