SAN JOSÉ, CA
Cinco De Mayo 2026
Guidelines for Food Truck Vendors

1. Obtain Permits: Ensure that you have all necessary permits and licenses required to operate as a food vendor at the festival. This includes health permits, food handler permits, and any other permits mandated by local regulations.

2. San José Local Fire Department Inspection: Prior to the event, schedule an inspection with the San José Local Fire Department to ensure compliance with fire safety regulations. Address any concerns or requirements outlined during the inspection to ensure a safe setup for your food booth or stall.

3. Compliance with Health Standards: Maintain compliance with all health and safety standards set forth by regulatory authorities. Adhere to proper food handling, preparation, and storage practices to ensure the safety of your food offerings.

4. Setup and Display: Set up your food booth or stall in the designated area at Cesar Chavez Plaza according to the instructions provided by event organizers. Ensure that your setup is clean, organized, and visually appealing to attract festival attendees.

5. Menu Selection: Offer a diverse selection of food items that appeal to a wide range of tastes and dietary preferences. Consider incorporating Mexican-inspired dishes or traditional favorites to celebrate the spirit of Cinco de Mayo.

6. Quality Ingredients: Use fresh, high-quality ingredients in your food preparations to deliver delicious and satisfying meals to festival attendees. Source ingredients responsibly and ensure that they meet food safety standards.

7. Allergen Information: Clearly label food items with any allergen information to help attendees make informed choices about their purchases. Be prepared to answer questions from customers about ingredients and potential allergens.

8. Customer Service: Provide friendly and efficient customer service to festival attendees, ensuring a positive experience for all patrons. Be attentive to customer inquiries, requests, and feedback, and address any concerns promptly and professionally.

9. Cleanliness and Sanitation: Maintain cleanliness and sanitation at your food booth or stall throughout the festival. Regularly clean food preparation surfaces, utensils, and equipment, and dispose of waste properly to prevent contamination.

10. Waste Management: Implement effective waste management practices to minimize environmental impact and keep the festival area clean. Provide waste receptacles for customers to dispose of their trash and ensure that your area is clean and tidy at all times.

11. Compliance with Event Schedule: Adhere to the designated event schedule, including setup and teardown times, operating hours, and any performance or activity times. Cooperate with event organizers and follow their instructions to ensure a smooth and successful event.

By following these guidelines, food vendors participating in the festival at Cesar Chavez Plaza can contribute to a safe, enjoyable, and memorable Cinco de Mayo celebration for all attendees while complying with relevant regulations and standards, including those set forth by the San José Local Fire Department.

Cinco De Mayo Organizers
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