



**FEBRUARY**  
**7<sup>TH</sup> – 25<sup>TH</sup>**

## VENDOR INFORMATION

City of Mobile  
Revenue Department

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## MULTIPLE BADGE REQUIREMENTS

Multiple badges are required for multiple stands and/or booths in addition to trailers and/or concession stands.

## TICKET FOR VIOLATION

Municipal Offense Ticket (MOT) will be issued to anyone violating requirements of city ordinances.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Vendors can get additional information, such as parade schedule or making application on line, by going to the City of Mobile's web site. The vendor, by furnishing a phone number, will get a return call by a representative of the Revenue Department. The city's web site is [www.cityofmobile.org](http://www.cityofmobile.org).

## PARADE ROUTES

Parades held each year are all in the downtown area. There are a few different routes, but they are basically confined to the same general area. The official parade routes are decided after the first of the year and published in local papers and in other Mardi Gras information.

## TIME OF PARADES

Evening parades usually start at 6:30. Daytime parades vary in their start times depending on what day it is and whether or not it is a morning or afternoon parade. A listing of all parades and their start times is published after the first of the year in local papers and in other Mardi Gras information.

## HISTORY

Mardi Gras was started in Mobile and we are extremely proud of this carnival fact. We invite everyone to come celebrate the original Mardi Gras and welcome one and all to the City of Mobile.

## MORE CONTACTS

If you need more information about Mardi Gras and the Mobile area, please contact the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce at (251) 433-6951.

## ADDITIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT RESTRICTIONS

The following items ARE NOT allowed for sale during Mardi Gras: (1) Plastic or rubber dolls or animals having explicit sexual organs; (2) Plastic or rubber reproductions of female or male sexual organs or private parts. [Public Lewdness Section 13A-12-130, State Code].



Mardi Gras is an annual celebration which starts before "Fat Tuesday" and ends Ash Wednesday. The dates for Mardi Gras 2020 are February 7 through February 25. There is no planning organization which allocates space or designates booths. The individual vendor must secure space from the property owner.

**NO booths, concession stands, trailers, etc., can be set up on City of Mobile right-of-ways.** Food vendors must secure clearance from the Mobile County Board of Health (call 251-690-8116) for any sales of food items to the general public. Vendors are required to contact the Board of Health directly to make sure they comply with current restrictions and ordinances.

**There are certain items which ARE NOT allowed for sale during Mardi Gras.** Some of these items are Firecaps, Fireworks, Silly String, Confetti, products that come in pressurized containers, and of course any types of firearms or other illegal items. If a vendor has a question, they should call the City of Mobile Police Department at 251-208-1715. One of the most frequently asked questions about Mardi Gras vendor fees is how many badges are required? There are two (2) ways to buy Mardi Gras badges. The first is to go to Mobile Government Plaza at 205 Government Street, in the South Tower on the 2nd floor, to the Mobile Business Center and purchase it. The second way is to buy your badge(s) from the department's Tax And License Investigators.

**The Tax And License Investigators are on the street at all times during Mardi Gras.** They are on hand to identify violators; collect all vendor fees not paid; answer questions; and, assist vendors with any problems the vendors have during Mardi Gras.

The City Of Mobile expects badges to be purchased before any sales take place. If badges are not purchased in advance, they must be purchased when the Tax And License Investigators check for them. If a vendor does not have, or purchase their badge, the business will be shut down, merchandise confiscated and an MOT (\*) will be issued to the vendor.

**Vendors, whether stationary vehicle or on foot with carts or baskets, must have their badges prominently displayed at all times during Mardi Gras.**

The City of Mobile is not responsible in the event of lost or stolen Mardi Gras badges. If this should occur, the vendor must purchase a new Mardi Gras badge or discontinue doing business. Due to the lack of time to verify them, checks ARE NOT accepted as payment for vendor fees. Vendor fees are only collected in cash, cashier's check or money order from all vendors for their Mardi Gras vendor badges. Each stationary vendor and each cart must have a Mardi Gras badge in order to sell during Mardi Gras. There are two classifications of Mardi Gras vendor fees collected by the Revenue Department. They are:

**(A) Individual Mardi Gras Peddler Stand or Stationary Vehicle (each)**

Amount	1000.00
Issue Fee	10.00
Total	1010.00

**(B) Individual Mardi Gras Peddler On Foot - Cart or Basket (each)**

Amount	500.00
Issue Fee	10.00
Total	510.00

Mardi Gras Peddler badges are issued only during Mardi Gras and are only good for the duration of Mardi Gras. Vendor fees are due and payable prior to conducting business.

