



2026 Political Booth Rules, Regulations and Application

Event Overview: Hometown Holidays is held on Saturday, May 23 and Sunday, May 24 from Noon-6 p.m. in Rockville Town Center. The event features two stages of music, kids' activities, an artisan shopping area, food vendors, and community and sponsor booths. The event is expected to draw over 10,000 visitors daily.

Eligibility: All applicants must be current elected officials.

Application and Acceptance: Applications are due by Friday, March 20, 2026. There is a limited number of booths available, and spaces are filled on a first come, first served basis. The City reserves the right to accept or reject an application. Groups will be notified of their admittance via e-mail by Friday, April 3, 2026.

Political Booth Fee: There is a \$450 fee and includes the use of a designated space, a 10'x10' tent, one table and two chairs. Groups must use the provided tent. If accepted, payment is needed to secure your spot. All fees are non-refundable. Do not submit payment with application.

On-site Participation: Groups must staff their booth for the entirety of the event. Failure to comply will result in not being invited back.

Booth Space and Equipment: Booth location is assigned by event organizers. The use of the booth is restricted to the applicant and may not be shared or transferred to another group. Items must remain within your designated space and cannot extend beyond its boundaries. Groups are responsible for setting up and arranging their space, providing signage, literature, staff, and necessary supplies. Displays must be removable, and tape cannot be used to adhere signage/items to your tent, table, or chairs. There is No Wi-Fi or electricity onsite.

Handouts, Selling and Donations: Groups may distribute literature, swag and small packaged foods like candy, but cannot sell or distribute beverages. Selling items is prohibited, but donations may be accepted. Staff must remain at their booth and cannot roam the event.

Removing Items: Groups must remove all items from their booth by 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Overnight security is not provided, and items left overnight are at the vendor's risk. Groups must keep their area clean during event hours and clean up after the event. Displays should remain neat and clean.

Weather Policy: Most activities will take place rain or shine. Special Events staff will monitor the weather before and during the event. Events may be delayed or canceled at the discretion of the organizers if unsafe conditions arise. Activities will not be rescheduled.

Logistics: Arrival and parking details will be sent before the event. During load-in and load-out, vehicles cannot access the site, and all items must be carried on and off the event site.

Contact Information: If you have any questions, please contact: Cristina Willis, Special Events Coordinator cwillis@rockvillemd.gov; 240-314-8610.

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Please print or type all information clearly.

Organization Name: _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____

State: _____ **Zip:** _____ **501(c) EIN:** _____ **Contact Name:** _____

Contact Phone: _____ **Contact Email:** _____

Day-of Contact Name: _____ **Day-of Contact Cell Number:** _____

Website: _____ **Social Handle:** _____

1. Please describe your interactive display/activity and what other items you will have at your booth.

I hereby apply to participate as a Political Booth Partner at the City of Rockville's 2026 Hometown Holidays at Rockville Town Center. I agree to hold harmless the City of Rockville for any injury to myself or my employees or damage to my property including theft, or any property of my agents or employees. I further agree that I am responsible for all damages to persons or property that may result from my fault of negligence or the fault or negligence of my agents or employees, and further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Rockville from any loss, damage, or claim incurred by the City by reason of my fault or negligence or fault of my agents or employees. I agree to adhere to all the rules and regulations listed in the 2026 Political Booth Rules & Regulations. I further agree to any regulations or requirements that have been or may be imposed by the City of Rockville.

Printed Name: _____ **Signed and Accepted:** _____

Date: _____

Completed applications and booth payment may be sent to:

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