

2027 Northern Escape: A Girls' Holiday Getaway

Winter Vintage Market - Vendor Guidelines

February 20, 2027, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm



Welcome! Thank you for your interest in joining us for the Indoor Vintage Market.

- **Event Date:** February 20, 2027, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
- **Location:** HERTH (Historic ER Town Hall), 401 River St., Elk Rapids, MI 49629
- **Booth Size:** Standard 10' x 10' Space
- **Booth Fee:** \$45 (Non-refundable upon acceptance)
- **Capacity:** Strictly limited to **20 curated vendors** to ensure a spacious, high-quality shopping environment.

Primary Inventory Category

- **True Vintage Clothing & Accessories (20+ years old):** Authentic garments, jewelry, bags, and shoes manufactured at least two decades ago, showcasing the genuine style and quality of past eras.
- **Antiques & Primitives (100+ years old):** Items crafted a century or more ago. Antiques feature refined craftsmanship from a specific period, while primitives are early, hand-made, utilitarian items with a rustic, weathered look.
- **Mid-Century Modern Furniture & Decor:** Furniture, lighting, and home accessories from the 1940s through the 1960s, characterized by clean lines, organic curves, geometric patterns, and sleek functionality.
- **Upcycled / Repurposed Vintage Items:** Creative pieces where old, authentic vintage materials or objects have been altered, combined, or transformed into something new, functional, and artistically refreshed.
- **Industrial & Architectural Salvage:** Reclaimed structural elements and factory items—such as old doors, windows, ironwork, factory gears, and rustic hardware—saved from old buildings and repurposed for design.
- **Artisan / Handmade (Must incorporate vintage/retro theme):** Newly handcrafted goods, art, or crafts created by the vendor that explicitly feature a nostalgic aesthetic, historical techniques, or retro design themes.

Inventory & Display Photos *(File Upload - Allow up to 5 files, max 10MB each)*

Please upload 3–4 high-resolution photos of your typical inventory. Applications without photos cannot be reviewed. Please email Sara at sara@elkrapidschamber.org

Prohibited Items Policy

To maintain a curated vintage environment, the following are strictly prohibited: modern fast-fashion, direct-sales/MLM products, knockoffs/counterfeits, modern household appliances, and unapproved food items. Market staff reserves the right to ask for the immediate removal of unapproved items.

Winter Load-In & Vehicle Protocol

Because this is a winter event, keeping the building doors propped open lowers the venue's temperature. Vendors must completely unload their vehicle into their assigned space, move the car to the designated parking area, and then return to set up their booth.

Wi-Fi & Payment Acknowledgment

Indoor winter crowds carry very little cash. Vendors are highly encouraged to accept digital payments (Square, Venmo, etc.). Since winter weather or indoor building structures can disrupt public Wi-Fi signal strength, vendors are independently responsible for their own cellular data or offline POS capabilities.

Booth Fee Contract

If accepted, my \$45 booth fee must be paid within 5 business days of notification to secure my slot among the 20 available spaces. Booth fees are non-refundable. No refund will be made for inclement weather or other acts of God over which the organizers have no control. The risk of loss from such an event will be borne by the vendor.

Liability Waiver

The vendor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the market organizers and the venue from any claims, liability, personal injury, damages, or theft of property that occur during the event hours, including load-in and load-out.

Guidelines

Vendors must be present for the entire duration of the show. Vendor agents are not acceptable.

Once your application is accepted, you will be invoiced. The organizers reserve the right to limit the number of vendors in a particular category.

Your application is considered a commitment to show your work.

NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE FOR CANCELLATION BY THE VENDOR.

Vendors are responsible for payment of their own State and Federal taxes.

Each exhibit space will be 10' X 10'. If electricity is approved, please note on the application form and bring an extension cord with a GFCI.

Directions to the event, setup times, booth numbers, and the teardown process will be communicated via email one week before the show.

Vendors may not tear down before 3:00 PM. Please break down your booth area before getting your vehicle to ensure a smooth teardown process. Any vendor tearing down early will not be invited back and will not receive a refund.

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