

Beaverton Farmers Market Vendor Rules and Regulations

All vendors are strongly encouraged to have a liability insurance minimum \$100,000 policy with Beaverton Farmers Market listed as additional insured.

The Beaverton Farmers Market prohibits the sale of the following products: Tobacco, Vaping Paraphernalia, Vitamins, CBD oil and all products derived from the cannabis genus. These products are not compatible with the Beaverton Farmers Market mission of providing homegrown, raised and products.

Setup - All vendors are responsible for personal booth set-up. No vehicles will be permitted to drive through the market beginning fifteen (15) minutes prior to market opening and 15 minutes after market closing. Vendors should set-up and be ready to sell by market opening and will keep products set-up until market closes. No vehicles are permitted to drive through the market after 2:45 pm or before 6:15 pm. This is to ensure the safety of vendors and customers.

Canopy Guidelines - Many sights at the market are in full sun and vendors are permitted to use their own canopies for shade. Please be aware that most accidents at farmers markets involve canopies—it is each vendor's responsibility to minimize the risk. The Ross Lake area can unpredictable weather and strong, gusty winds. Assume that strong winds may occur at any time. Be sure your canopy is secured appropriately. Vendor canopies must be fully secured before setting up anything else. Each vendor will completely secure their canopy at set-up and take down as soon as weights are removed at the end of the market.

Vendors must use a method of securing your canopy to the ground that does not create an additional hazard. Any vendor who fails to properly secure their canopy will not be allowed to sell that day at the market unless the vendor takes down and stows their canopy. Vendors may sell without a canopy. (Effective June 7, 2024)

Space Assignments/Participation - The market manager assigns spaces. Participants are usually allowed to keep the same space from market to market. However, the manager reserves

the right to reassign space as deemed necessary each week. Participants expected on any market day must notify the manager 24 hours in advance if they are unable to attend. Failure to notify the manager with prior notice may result in losing a space in the market. Vendors missing a market without notification must contact the manager to verify space for the following week. Growers/Vendors must maintain the space assigned them in a clean and sanitary condition. The space must be left in clean condition when leaving. No trash may be left at the market. **Vendors will be assessed a \$50 clean-up fee if trash is left behind!** Spaces cannot be traded, leased, sold or otherwise manipulated without prior authorization from the market manager.

The market manager and staff reserve the right to accept new growers/vendors and/or commodities into the market based on availability of space, type of product/booth, and compliance with the USDA, MDARD and the Beaverton Farmers Market rules set forth.

All Vendors/Growers must follow all rules and regulations of the Michigan Cottage Food Law.

Permits/Certification - Each farmer/grower must have a copy of his/her MDARD license. All commodities sold at the farmers market must be of high quality and shall meet the standard set by MDARD. Commodities that are pre-packaged must be labeled with name, address, weight and price.

The grower, a member of the immediate family, or a paid employee may sell products if they are 16 years or older. It is the vendor's responsibility to ensure that their family member or employee follows market rules and regulations.

Collusion among growers/vendors to change prices or exertion of any influence, pressure or persuasion to cause a grower/vendor to change prices is strictly forbidden.

Vendor Appearance/Behavior: ALL vendors and or fill-ins must have a clean and hygienic appearance and dress appropriately for the market. Products must be clean and free of dirt, dust, mud, molds, etc. Vendors shall conduct themselves in a pleasant, courteous manner at all times.

Disruptive, rude, and/or vulgar language **WILL NOT** be tolerated. Vendors who do not follow these guidelines may be asked to leave the market and forfeit their fee for the day. Vendors who continue to violate these guidelines after being removed from the market for the season and fees will be forfeited.

- **No Alcoholic beverage consumption or smoking/vaping by growers/vendors in the market is allowed**
- **No Pets or ESA (Emotional Support Animals) of any type are permitted in the market area (Service animals that fall under ADA guidelines are allowed)**

Market Fees - Weekly Vendor Fee: \$10 Season Vendor- \$100

Any variation from the foregoing rules and regulations will preclude a grower/vendor's right to participate in the farmers' market. The market manager and other staff members have the authority to enforce these regulations and to exclude non-conforming growers/vendors.

For more information or questions please call or text Beth Overfield at (989) 387-7093 or contact Beaverton City Hall at (989)435-3511.

Complaints or appeals concerning the actions of the market manager or staff must be made in writing and either mailed or dropped off to: Beaverton City Hall.