

Chester Farmers and Artisan Market 2017 Rules and Regulations



Market Information

2017 Market Season:

Market Days and Hours of Operation:

Market Location:

Market Vendor Fee:

Market Manager Contact Information

Name:

Phone:

e-mail:

All vendors must register with the market by completing an application and submitting required documents at least _____ before selling at the market. New applications must be approved by the Market Manager. Vendors must keep their information current. Applications may be obtained at: _____ or by calling _____.

I. General Rules

- A. Vendors are not allowed to have pets at the market.
- B. Vendors will dress appropriately.
- C. Vendors are responsible for handling complaints from customers. If the vendor and customer cannot come to a reasonable agreement, the market manager will mediate a resolution to the disagreement. The market manager's decision is final.
- D. Vendors will, at all times, treat other vendors with respect and not interfere with customers standing at another vendor's booth/table.
- E. Hawking is prohibited. (Selling aggressively, especially by calling out)
- F. Solicitations for products, services or charitable contributions are NOT permitted except with the express permission of market management.
- G. No tobacco products may be used at the market or anywhere on the property.
- H. No alcohol or illegal drugs are allowed on property. No concealed weapons are allowed.
- I. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

II. Weather Policy

- A. The market will be cancelled in the event of any weather condition that the manager deems to be unsafe. E-mail, phone hotline, facebook or other social media will be used to communicate market cancellations. If a vendor does not have access to these forms of communication, it will be his/her responsibility to call the market manager for an update.

III. Licenses

- A. It is the responsibility of the vendor to research and to comply with all federal, state, and local regulations governing the sale of his or her items. Products must be labeled, processed, and prepared in compliance with the SC Department of Agriculture and any other appropriate regulations. If selling meat or dairy products (meat, dairy, fish, eggs, cheese) for human consumption, vendors must furnish proof of compliance with all appropriate regulations and proof of their product liability insurance policy to the market manager with his or her application.
- B. It is the responsibility of the vendor to research and to comply with all business and tax regulations for the sale of their items.

IV. Agriculture Products

- A. Vendors may offer produce, plants, and other agriculture products (i.e. eggs, meat, milk, etc.) produced or grown in South Carolina, North Carolina and/or Georgia.
- B. Vendors may resell agricultural products from South Carolina, North Carolina and/or Georgia if the product is clearly marked as resale (for example, Pageland Watermelons). In order to resell, at least fifty (50) percent of a vendor's total products available for sale must be grown or raised on a farm or garden by the vendor during the season. If the percentage of locally grown items is in doubt, the market staff reserves the right to request a farm/garden visit.
- C. All products must be clean, safe and of a high quality. Do not display any products that are bruised, discolored, or undesirable.
- D. Vendors to vendor re-sale of products are not allowed on-site during market hours.
- E. The Market does not accept brokers: i.e. participants who have bought produce, plants or flowers from a grower and do not grow anything themselves.
- F. Farmer Priority: If a farmer brings an ample amount of a product to supply the consumer base at the Market, then priority to sell this product will be given to the farmers, and resellers are not allowed to sell the same product during that time. For example, if honey is sold in sufficient supply by a

- beekeeper during the month of June, then honey is not allowed to be sold by a reseller during that time, even if the resold honey is local. Resellers are required to consult with market management on a weekly basis to assess when it is appropriate for them to sell products in question.
- G. Items other than those outlined in this application are not allowed to be sold at the market. Examples of this include dietary supplements, nutrition drinks, fried dough, snow cones, cotton candy, commercial candy and sweets, imported items and crafts. The Market reserves the right to refuse the sale of any item. All products to be sold during 2017 must be listed on the application for approval. New items intended for sale during the season must be pre-approved.
 - H. Commercial vending vehicles, e.g. “ice cream trucks”, are not allowed to sell on property during farmers market.
 - I. Food manufactured items (i.e. jams, jellies, pickles, etc.) may be made from agricultural products that have been produced in South Carolina, North Carolina and/or Georgia.
 - J. Nothing imported shall be sold at the Market.

V. Artisan Products

- A. Crafts and handmade objects must be produced by vendors or their immediate representatives. Answering these basic questions will aid in determining whether applicants meets these Criteria:
 - 1. Are the products made locally, within 100 miles of the venue?
 - 2. Is the product home or shop made?
 - 3. Do the products have a homespun quality?
 - 4. Will the products benefit the market as a whole?
 - 5. Can the products construction be demonstrated or explained?
 - 6. How many other vendors at the market have the same or very similar product?
 - 7. Is the product of high quality and durability?

VI. Spaces

- A. Vendors are required to sell their items from a table. Spaces will be assigned on a first-come-first-serve basis.
- B. Sellers will maintain clean sites. No offensive odors from merchandise or generators (includes noise). Vendors must keep hands clean. All food items and their containers must be kept off the ground. Seller’s trash must be collected and removed from the property or placed in designated trashcans.
- C. Vendors must provide their own scales, containers, bags, etc., for the sale of their goods. Scales are subject to inspection by SCDA.
- D. The market staff reserves the right to move vendor spots or the entire market to enhance or facilitate market operations.

VII. Signage

- A. Vendors must have proper signage at all times! This must include the business name, vendor's name and location of business. Farm address where produce is grown should be used.
- B. Prices for all items are required and should be easily visible. Customers want to see prices rather than asking! Prices may be individual or in bulk. A large poster board or chalkboard is acceptable if easily seen from all areas of booth and the aisle.
- C. Resale signs are required, if any items are being resold. Label clearly. Sign should include name of item, words "purchased from" and location of farm where item was purchased. Farmers who sell only what they grow may display a sign indicating this.

VIII. Other

- A. The market does not guarantee the marketability of the vendors' goods or the success of the vendors' efforts.
- B. The market shall not be responsible for any loss through theft, or otherwise, of products or any private property while on the Market property.
- C. The market will not be responsible for personal injuries or damage to private property.
- D. The market managerial staff reserves the right to amend these rules and regulations at any time without prior notice.
- E. The market staff reserves the right to revoke a vendor's participation in the market if any of the above rules or regulations are violated.

Catawba Farm and Food Coalition



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