



The Anderson County Farmers Market 2018 Rules and Guidelines

402 North Murray Ave., Anderson, SC, 29624 - Phone 231-7275

June 2 – November 20 Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays 8 am – 1 pm

1. **All items offered for sale must be produced in Anderson County at the farm or business specified on the application.** The Farmers Market Board reserves the right to view where any items sold at the market were produced in order to authenticate they were produced in Anderson County. Concerns regarding the provenance of an item or items sold at the market should be placed with the Farmers Market Board. Waivers may be granted for:
 - a) Produce from another Anderson County farm or producer who is unable to make it to the Market. This arrangement must be a beneficial co-op/partnership for local farms who are short-staffed or otherwise unable to sell their own products. A letter from the partner farm or producer is required for this waiver.
2. **The Market is primarily for Farmers / Produce Vendors.** Farmers / Produce Vendors are persons or entities that either raise their product (vegetables, fruits, nuts, grains, herbs, flowers or nursery crops) from seed and other methods of plant propagation or raise animals for the purpose of selling their meat or other animal derived products (beekeepers, poultry / egg farmers, dairies, and livestock producers). **No live animals of any kind may be sold at the Farmers Market.** However, bays may be rented, as space is available, by other related businesses. These include:
 - a) **Prepared Food Vendors** offer fresh food products that they have processed themselves into ready-to-eat goods. This includes restaurants, bakeries, and any other value-added food operations. Preference will be shown to prepared vendors who make the effort to use local farm products. You must have a Department of Agriculture and/or DHEC Certificate, or a Cottage Food Exemption and a copy of your certification must be filed with the Farmers Market Board. Alcohol of any kind may not be sold by vendors.
 - b) **Artisans and Craftspeople** are persons who make the products they offer for sale at the Market with their own hands. A majority of the tools and equipment used by the crafter to produce their products must require skill, personal handling and/or guidance by the crafter. No commercial items, imported items, manufactured items, or second hand items shall be resold by vendors. Items must be original, unique, actual work of the crafts person, family member or partner. To ensure all products are high quality, safe and an enhancement to the Market, all products must be pre-approved by the Farmers Market Board. A picture of the items for sale and a picture of the artisan working on the item are required with the application.
 - c) **Non-Profit Agencies** are organizations promoting community health and welfare either as a chartered 501(c) 3 or other not for profit corporation. One (1) space will be made available to these organizations free of charge, when space is available for these participants to conduct public outreach. The participating agency must register their intent to use this service at least one (1) week prior to their intended use.
3. **Booth rental is \$400 "BY-THE-SEASON, \$10 "BY-THE-DAY" or \$5 "BY-THE-MONTH".** A vendor becomes "BY-THE-MONTH" either by reserving (**and paying in advance for**) a bay for an entire calendar month or for a minimum of twelve (12) consecutive markets. "BY-THE-MONTH" vendors receive a reserved space, which will be marked with a parking sign on the outside and a vendor sign on the inside of the market.
4. **"BY THE MONTH" vendors are welcome to set up their bay 45 minutes prior to opening.** Any vendor who has not occupied their reserved bay by 10 minutes prior to opening will forfeit their bay in the event there is an overflow of "BY-THE-DAY" vendors (unless a prior arrangement with the Farmers Market Board has been made.)
5. **"BY-THE-DAY" vendors are welcome to set up their bay 20 minutes prior to opening.** "BY-THE-DAY" vendors must check with Market Staff to be assigned a space. All possible effort will be made to accommodate everyone as quickly and efficiently as possible.

6. **A seller's vending space must not exceed the limits of their bay** as defined by the two brick columns and the three concrete joint lines. Vehicles that protrude too far into the parking lot or cause other obstructions may have to be parked away from the vendor's space after unloading. Vendors are highly encouraged to be completely set-up before opening time. If the Farmers Market Board determines a particular vendor is not following this recommendation and has become a disruption to other vendor's business, steps will be taken to remedy the situation as defined by procedures for rules violations.
7. **Each seller is responsible for clean-up of their selling area.** Littering is prohibited and any trash should be disposed of properly. A broom, dustpan, and pick-up stick will be available for each vendor to clean their booth.
8. **Each vendor is responsible for obtaining all licenses, permits, and/or exemptions required by DHEC, SCDA and any county or other state agencies.**
9. **All vendors at the Market must complete and submit an application** for the Market as part of the application process prior to be accepted as a new seller. This includes a basic business or farm plan that reflects the products a vendor expects to sell at the Market. Any changes to this plan must be submitted to the Farmers Market Board in writing. A copy of the rules must be given to every seller.
10. **Selling may begin when Market Supervisor turns on the lights.** No money may exchange hands before this time. Pre-bagging of produce is permitted, but this privilege may be revoked by Farmers Market Board if it is abused or becomes a disruption to safe and fair market function.
11. **Each vendor that has reserved a space must let the Farmers Market Board know a week in advance if they plan to miss a market.** We will be advertising what is available at the market each week. Please think of this as your business. You must be here to not disappoint your customers.
12. **No "HAWKING" of products, distraction of customers from another vendor's booth or disparaging of another vendor's goods will be tolerated.** All vendors are expected to conduct themselves in a courteous and respectful manner in dealing with customers and other vendors.
13. **Vendors are not allowed to bring pets of any type, excluding service animals, to the market.**
14. **Smoking is allowed only in designated areas.** Smoking is at no time allowed under the shelter. Cigarette butts, chewing tobacco, etc. must be disposed of properly.

Any violation of these rules will result in:

- a) **FIRST OFFENSE** – Verbal warning from Farmers Market Board
- b) **SECOND OFFENSE** – Written warning from Farmers Market Board
- c) **THIRD OFFENSE** – Suspension from the Market for a period no greater than thirty (30) days.
- d) **FOURTH OFFENSE** – Suspension from the Market for the remainder of the season. Grower must apply to Farmers Market Board to re-establish privileges.

I agree to obey the rules of the Farmers Market:

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Business: _____

Date: _____