



Old Town Farmers Market 2017 Market Guidelines

The City of Winchester's Old Town Farmers Market is located in historic downtown Winchester, VA at the Taylor Pavilion just steps from the Loudoun Street Walking Mall, Saturdays from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., May 13 – September 30. The market hosts local farmers and local non-farm vendors.

Mission: To provide fresh, local food and agricultural products directly from farmers and producers to residents, while creating an enjoyable atmosphere that contributes to a prosperous downtown and promotes a sense of community in Old Town Winchester.

Deadline for Submission: All applications must be received by March 24, 2017 to the Downtown Manager, 33 E. Boscawen St., Winchester, VA 22601. Notifications will be sent out by mid-April 2017.

MARKET GUIDELINES

Attendance: Vendors are expected to attend for the full hours of operation of the market for every week they list on their application. Vendors who would like to attend on a rotating basis should indicate this on their application. Vendors who miss two scheduled weeks may be asked to leave the market. Weekly fees are due for missed weeks.

Fees: Booth space is \$20 weekly for a 10' x 10' spot for approved vendors. Fees should be made payable to the City of Winchester. Fees are due weekly at the market. Vendors may prepay for the whole season.

Parking: Most vendors will receive parking in the metered Braddock Street lot in front of the Braddock Parking Garage. Vendors not assigned a parking spot at the market and vendors with extra vehicles are responsible for legally parking their vehicles. The Braddock Parking Garage (50¢/hr) is within close proximity to the market. Metered parking is free on Saturdays.

Tents: Any vendor using a tent must use appropriate weights to secure the tent at all times.

Product & Price Signage: Vendors must post prices for all items for sale. If a farmer or vendor is selling any items he/she did not grow/produce, the farm of origin must be listed. Vendors may label items organic only if they are certified. All products must be grown or produced within a 100 mile radius of the market. No restaurant type vendors or products will be permitted.

Permits/Licenses: Vendors selling any food product other than whole fruits and vegetables must comply with all Virginia Department of Agricultural resource requirements and all state food codes. Vendors must also comply with all business license requirements and sales tax collection as dictated by law.

Rain or Shine: The market will be held "rain or shine" - unless conditions merit closure, in which case all vendors will be called.

No Hawking: Business must be conducted from inside the booth. Vendors may not approach attendees outside their booths and should refrain from distributing promotional materials that are not directly related to the market or the products being sold.

CSA: Offering CSA pick-up will be considered upon request.

Non-Farm Products: Must be high quality, locally made food items which the vendor must add at least 75% of the total value to the product. The product(s) must be complementary to a farmers market. We may restrict the number of vendors selling similar products (for example, we may restrict bakers to two). Soaps, lotions, and beverage products will also be considered.

Utilities: Utilities are generally not available at the Taylor Pavilion. If you have special concerns or would like to request the use of utilities please highlight this on your application. No generators are permitted in the market.

Set up/Tear down: Set up will begin one hour prior to the market opening. The market opening will be signaled by the ringing of a bell. No sales before the opening bell. All vendors are to shut down promptly (within 45 minutes) of the market closing bell. Vendors must take with them all trash, produce, debris, etc. Any vendor arriving after the start of the market may not bring a vehicle into the market. Vendors who arrive after 9 a.m. repeatedly may be asked to leave the market. Tents, tables and signs brought into the market must be in good condition.

Non-Profit/Community Groups: Non-profit and Community organizations may apply to participate in the market. This is a promotional opportunity to highlight the organization and cannot involve fundraising other than the sale of water. Only one spot is available each week and will be determined by lottery.

Other: Each vendor is assigned a vending spot by the Market Coordinator. This spot is not transferrable and vendors must not exceed their allotted spot or relocate without prior written permission. A hand washing station will be available.

Liability: Vendors are required to maintain a general liability insurance policy in the amount of at least one million dollars for property damage and personal injury liability listing the City of Winchester and Taylor Master Tenant, LLC (33 E. Boscawen Street, Winchester VA 22601) as additionally insured while participating in the Old Town Farmers Market. Vendors must provide a certificate of insurance and additionally insured endorsement page issued by the insurance company upon request.

Vendor conduct: No animals (pets, livestock, etc.) other than service animals shall be permitted in vendor stalls without the express prior permission of the Market Coordinator. Vendors shall not smoke or vape within the market area. Violation of vendor guidelines may result in termination of the agreement to utilize the vendor space at the Old Town Farmers Market.

Applications: Anyone wishing to participate in the market must submit the Old Town Farmers Market Application to the Downtown Manager, 33 E. Boscawen St., Winchester, VA 22601 by March 24, 2017.

Exceptions: The Downtown Manager reserves the right to make exceptions or changes to any of the market guidelines.