

2024 Market Rules/Regulations



A. Qualifying Vendors and Products

1. **Authorized Vendors Only.** Only those applicants who have properly applied for vendor status, have been accepted as vendors, and have paid their fees in accordance with the 2024 Market Plans and Procedures, may sell at the Green Tree Farmer's Market in the Park.
2. **Acceptable Agricultural Products.** Vendors may sell raw fruits, vegetables, meats, eggs, dairy products, live plants, cut flowers, honey, beeswax, and similar agricultural products which meet the following criteria.
 - a) **Of High Quality.** All agricultural products displayed by vendors shall be of the highest quality and freshness. Vendors must withdraw from display any product that, at the discretion of the Market Committee, fails to meet this high standard. Upon request, the Market Committee may permit the sale of certain wholesome but second-quality agricultural produce.
 - b) **Self-Grown or Produced.** All products offered for sale at the Market shall be grown or produced by the vendor offering if for sale. Upon prior approval, the Market Committee may permit the sale of products grown or produced by others as long as the product qualifies as local.
3. **Acceptable "Value Added" Products.** Vendors may also sell baked goods, jams, cheeses, smoked meats, grilled foods and other prepared or "valued added" products with the approval of the Market Committee. The approval will be based upon the extent to which the "value added" product improves the variety, quality, and desirability of the Market. All such products must be wholesome and of high quality and must be prepared and served in compliance with all applicable health code regulations.

B. Regulatory Compliance

All vendors must comply with all local, state and federal regulations that apply to their business. These regulations include, without limitation, the following.

1. Health code provisions and licensing. For those vendors offering prepared, but not pre-packaged foods, please pay special attention to the utensil and hand washing facility requirements of the Pennsylvania Health Code.
2. Pesticide licensing and regulations concerning their safe use.
3. Scales approved by the area weights and measures officer.
4. Organic certification for products claimed to be organic.
5. Health, ingredient, and other labeling regulations.
6. Liquor Control Board special event licensing (*for those selling wine*).

C. Market Oversight

The market The Market Committee will determine if the sale of a particular product by a vendor is detrimental to the mix of products offered at the Market, competes to an unreasonable degree with another vendor or presents an unreasonable risk to consumers. The Market Committee has the right to require the vendor to alter or suspend sales of that product.

D. Operation of Vendor Stands

1. Vendors must ensure that their stands are safe for the shopping public.
2. Vendors must provide their own tents and tables and must anchor them sufficiently with weights that will remain safe and secure in windy conditions.
3. Vendors may enter the lot for set up at 3:00 pm and shall be fully set up by 4:00 pm.
4. Vendors are not permitted to make a sale before the official opening bell.
5. Vendors who are scheduled but unable to attend any market day shall notify the Market by telephone 412.779.2292 or e-mail jmathie@greentreeboro.com no later than noon of that day.
6. Vendors will have assigned spaces for the duration of the Market.
7. Each vendor must post a sign or placard in the stand that identifies them and the location of their farm or place of business.
8. Vendors must display prices for all products being offered for sale.
9. Vendors may not use generators during Market hours.
10. Vendors must sweep or otherwise clean the area in and around their stand and leave the Market lot in a clean condition. Any refuse from a vendor's activities shall be removed by the vendor or deposited in the trash cans provided by the Market.
11. At the discretion of the Market Committee, vendors may not enter the Market after starting signal and may not leave prior to closing signal.
12. Vendors must be out of the lot by 7:30 p.m.
13. Vendors must park their vehicle within their designated space(s). The vehicle must be able to be loaded and unloaded without encroaching on adjacent vendor spaces. The driver of any such vehicle must comply with parking and driving instructions issued by the Market Committee.

E. Liability and Insurance

Vendors are required to carry commercial general liability, automobile, and workers compensation insurance. Valid Certificate(s) of Insurance must be included with the vendor's application form naming the Borough of Green Tree as additional insured. Vendors waive all right or claim against Green Tree Borough and the Green Tree Farmer's Market in the Park as well as agents, officers, directors, volunteers, sponsors and employees and indemnify such parties for any loss or claim arising from the vendor's participation in the Market.

F. Amendment and Incorporation

These rules and regulations may be amended from time to time by the Market Committee and are incorporated into the Application and Agreement. Notification of amendments will be given to all approved vendors.

G. Violations and Sanctions

Vendors who fail to comply with the terms of these rules and regulations may be suspended or disqualified from continued selling at the Market.

H. Acceptance of Terms

By applying to become a vendor and by otherwise participating in the Market, vendors agree to be bound by these rules and regulations.