

City of Grayling Farmers Market Rules

Mission Statement:

The City of Grayling Farmers Market seeks to enhance the quality of life in the Crawford County area by:

- Providing a quality market and opportunity to our farming community to sell a variety of locally grown and made farm products to enhance community awareness of benefits to local grown products while promoting a healthier community.
- Encouraging relationships between the farmer and the consumers in our area and surrounding areas.

Market Locations and Schedule:

The City of Grayling Farmers Market will be held at the Pavilion in the City Park.

Producer Definition:

A producer is defined as a person offering for sale articles for human consumption such as fruits, vegetables, edible grains, nuts, berries, honey, maple sugars and syrup, breads, and non-edible items such as plants and cut flowers. No more than 40% can be wholesale product.

Co-Op Vendor definition:

A group of producers banding together for convenience of bringing products from the combined farms to be sold by a designee of the co-op.

Vendor Space, Rental Fee, and Application Process:

All vendors are required to submit an annual application to the Market Manager for consideration of rental space. Applications can be sent via mail, e-mail or in person. Along with the application, all vendors must submit a copy (s) of all applicable licenses and permits pertaining to products that will be sold at the market.

Vendor spaces are rented on a 10-foot basis.

Fees for the previous season have been provided and are subject to change:

Daily fee: Either Thursday or Saturday: \$10.00.

Weekly Fee: Both Thursday and Saturday: \$15.00.

**Seasonal Fee: \$200.00 both days
\$140.00 one day**

Space Assignment:

Upon processing the vendor's application, the Market Manager will assign all vendors their space. Priority will be given to 2 day a week seasonal vendor followed by 1 day a week seasonal vendor. The Market Manager will make every attempt to accommodate specific space requests within the limits of the market configuration and space available.

To claim their weekly spot non-seasonal vendors, need to be present one hour before market opening unless previous arrangements have been made with the Market Manager, or space will be forfeited for the day. If a committed vendor does not attend the market three weeks in a row and fails to contact the Market Manager during that time, their space will be forfeited for the rest of the season.

Only the Market Manger or person designated by the Market Manager can assign spaces. Vendors must check in before setting up.

Eligible Items for Sale at the Market:

The farmers market will cater to high quality homemade and homegrown products. The following list of eligible items for sale may be expanded at the discretion of the Farmers Market Manager:

- Fruits, vegetables, field crops, herbs, nuts, berries, sprouts and grains
- Plants, flowers (fresh or dried)
- Honey, maple syrup
- Baked and canned goods produced under the cottage law
- Eggs & meat products, dairy
- Other – items will be considered at request of vendor and Market Manager will determine to allow said item.

Products are to be created, produced and labeled by the vendor. Market reserves the right to research.

Displaying overripe, spoiled, or unusable products is not permitted. No live animals can be sold.

All items for sale must be visibly labeled with prices and in accordance with state regulations. Vendors selling eggs, meat, or other perishable products must keep the product at an appropriate temperature in accordance with state regulation.

All vendors are required to comply fully with the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Health Department Food Handling & Sanitation Rules and Regulations along with federal, state, and local law and will hold the market harmless regarding the same.

Vendor Information:

- Each vendor must provide his/her own equipment, supplies and materials, such as tables, chairs, and boards to sell their product. All vendors must supply sacks or other containers for product sales. Vendors must supply their own sun and weather protection.

- Each vendor will be responsible for clean-up of his/her area during and after market. All refuse must be taken with the vendor or disposed of in a waste receptacle.
- Vendors should provide a clean personal appearance to reflect positive on the market
- **No smoking will be allowed by the vendors in the market area. Smoking must be done 40 feet away from the market area.**
- Vendors are not allowed to bring dogs or pets to the market.
- Children under 16 cannot sell products without adult supervision.
- Products are to be displayed within the boundaries of the vendor's space.

Service Organizations:

Space can be reserved for City of Grayling not-for-profit services organizations. Permission to participate will be granted by the Market Manager. The service organization must submit a written application to the Market Manager prior to being allowed at the market.

Enforcement of Rules:

The Market Manager has full authority to enforce all rules. All problems and conflicts should be directed to the Market Manager.

The Market Manager has the right to deny a vendor the privilege of selling at the market. Reasons may include lack of license, misrepresentation of products, non-payment of fees, poor quality of products, leaving area littered, or disorderly conduct. The vendor can appeal the Market Manager decision by following the market grievance procedure. A copy will be available from the Market Manager.

The vendor agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City of Grayling's Farmer's Market, and the Market Manager from and against any and all claims, losses, liability, costs, or expenses (including reasonable attorney fees) arising out of bodily injury of any person or persons including death, or property damage, relating to the use of City of Grayling property for the purpose of selling items at the City of Grayling Farmers Market during its seasonal operational schedule.

Rules are subject to change as seen fit by the Market Manager and the City of Grayling.

For additional information or questions, please call or email either:

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