



2017 Farmers Market Rules and Regulations

Read these rules carefully before applying online (most changes are **highlighted**).

Keep a copy for your records, as these rules are part of your stall license agreement. When an application is submitted online, it is considered your agreement and acceptance of these rules and regulations. Failure to observe these rules may result in fines, suspension or termination of your license to conduct business at Findlay Market. If you have questions about these rules, please contact the Market Manager, Mike Hass, at 513-744-8006.

The Farmers Market at Findlay Market, takes place in the farmshed and is divided into two seasons:

Peak Season begins April 1, 2016 and ends November 30, 2016

Off Season begins December 1, 2016 and ends March 31, 2017

Days and required hours are:

Saturday

Setup: **by 7:30 am**

Hours of operation: **8:00 am to 2:00 pm** (although vendors may want to consider staying later in the day).

Sunday

Setup: **by 9:30 am**

Hours of operation: **10:00 am to 2:00 pm** (although vendors may want to consider staying later in the day).

Other days

By arrangement with the Market Manager

Part-Time/Seasonal Vending Categories:

Producer/Grower: Growers who cultivate fruits and vegetables, harvest wild fruits etc. from your farm or grow landscaping plants, vegetable and herb plants.

Mobile Food Sales: If you sell potentially hazardous foods such as processed poultry, beef, pork etc. eggs or dairy products such as cheese, you must apply with your local health officials or the state officials where you will do business (if you are out of state), and receive a mobile food license. Contact the appropriate health official for specific regulations and procedures.

Food items are broken down into categories:

- **Items Cooked on Site:** If you are selling food items that are cooked at the market, you must seek approval from the health department first. Once all permits are approved and filed, you may sell at the market. All vendors selling foods cooked on site must have a fully inspected and operational A-B-C fire extinguisher in their stand at all times.
- **Ready-to-Eat:** Cookies, pies, granolas, dried fruits, cakes, pies breads etc. are ready to eat foods. Whether home or commercially produced, all required permits must be filed with the registration.
- **Beverages:** Canned sodas, bottled waters may be sold without health permits. Beverages that are prepared such as coffee, tea, lemonade etc. must be prepared on site in accordance with all health requirements.

Cottage Food Producer: Food items that you prepare in your home are exempted from many state laws concerning their sale. Contact the city health official for further information. You must file the Cincinnati Health Department Environmental Health Unit Food Safety form with the Health Department and with market management. Contact the Health Department at 513-564-1751 for details.

Arts and Crafts: These include soaps, essential oils, jewelry, pottery, carvings, garden accessories, textiles, and hand crafts made by the vendor.

Retail/Reseller: Products that are not made by the vendor but that are sold by the vendor are retail. Used items are also retail but must be marked as used.

Non-Profit Sales: Any non-profit organization with documented 501(c)3 status that may sell their product at the market from an assigned location.

Non-Profit Information: Any non-profit organization with documented 501(c)3 status that may hand out information from an assigned location at the market.

Petition Gatherers: Signature gatherers may collect signatures in most outdoor areas at the market.

Musician/Entertainer: Musicians who wish to play for tips are welcome. They must register and receive an assigned location. Performers are required to move to a new assigned location after 60 minutes.

General Rules

- 1. Management.** The Market Manager and his or her designees are responsible for space assignments, public health and safety, and the interpretation and enforcement of the market's rules.
- 2. Registration:** There is a \$25.00 non-refundable registration fee for new vendors and \$20.00 for returning vendors.
All registrations are handled online at the Manage My Market website (www.managemymarket.com).
 - Vendors will create a profile for their business including contact information, attendance dates, and product list. Returning vendors should take the time to update, revise and complete the product list and contact information. Vendor applications are for the space to operate a single business; at no point are multiple businesses, vendors or people to operate in a single space.
 - Please note if you would like to be considered as an on-call vendor.
 - Registration fee payment can be made by mailing a check or money order to The Corporation for Findlay Market (CFFM). Rental fees must be received at least seven days prior to the first day you come to market. Day only vendors must pay their fee in advance of set-up on the day they come to market. Please refer to the manage my market website.
 - Completing and submitting an application, acknowledges that the vendor is subject to a farm and facility inspection by appointment within 7 days of a request by the market manager. Every effort will be made to inspect each vendor every year.
- 3. Attendance.** Accepted vendors are expected to be at market for each day that has been selected at the market application website.
 - Vendors should call by Thursday, noon prior to the weekend, if they will be unable to attend that weekend.
 - No show, no calls or notice after Thursday noon may result in the loss of assigned space for part or all of the remaining season.
- 4. On Call Attendance.** When space is available, on-call vendors will be given the opportunity to sell at market on a day by day basis.
 - The on-call vendor list will be created at the discretion of the market manager based on market product need/mix, vendor availability, vendor behavior and responsiveness. Acceptance as an on-call vendor does not imply anything else with regards to status as a full time or indoor vendor.
 - On-call vendors will be notified by call or text about coming weekend space availability Thursday afternoon through Friday morning.
 - If vendor is not available to take a call or respond to a text, then the market manager reserves the right to move through the list and assign spaces.
 - On-call vendors will need to pay for space the day of the market.
 - All other rules will apply, regarding setup and tear down timeliness, liability insurance certificates, etc.
- 5. Setup.** The Market Manager will be near the farmshed to be sure each vendor is here on time and in the right location. If you are running late, take the time to call or text the market manager and let them know. If you are repeatedly late, you may lose your space. Late vendors will receive a verbal reminder, a written reminder and then may lose their space.

- 6. Payment.** All reserved spaces at the market must be paid for at least seven days prior to the first day you come to market. Please note that your space reservation is not effective until your deposit or rent payment is received. All fees are non-refundable.
- Monthly rent will be paid in advance by the first weekend of the month. Submitting an application indicates acknowledgement that CFFM does not necessarily issue invoices in advance of rent payment. At the discretion of the market manager, late payments may incur an additional \$20 fee per month.
 - Vendors must pay for a space prior to set-up.
 - Vendors who have not paid will not be allowed to set up; **there are no exceptions.**
 - Vendors may pay by electronic bill pay, check, credit card, money order or cash (order of preference). Payments are payable to The Corporation for Findlay Market (CFFM). Returned checks will result in additional charges and/or the reduction, suspension, or revocation of your market space.
- 7. Assigned Location.** You may conduct business only at your assigned location. Stall assignments and license agreements are not transferable. Vendors may not sublet their space in the market. Stall assignments are made, and are subject to change, at the sole discretion of the Market Manager or his/her designees. Except where allowed by the market manager, no producer may be involved in the operation of more than two stalls on the weekends.
- 8. Products for Sale.** The Findlay Market Farmshed is a producer only farmers market. Producers list specific products they intend to grow and sell when completing the online market application; at no point should items purchased from neighbors, auction, wholesale, etc. be listed or brought into market for resale.
- Application acceptance locks in that product list for the season. Changes must be discussed with the market manager and are subject to the sole discretion of the market manager; at no point will vendors be allowed to sell additional products without approval. Failure to adhere to this rule, in part or whole, may result in immediate suspension or revocation of assigned space. See specific rules in next section.
- 9. Temporary Occupancy.** Vendors are permitted to conduct business at their assigned location only during specific market operating hours determined by the Market Manager. All part-time and seasonal vending space assignments are temporary. Therefore, there is no right or expectation of renewal of any part-time or seasonal vending space assignment. Please refer to the temporary use agreement at the end of this document.
- 7. Insurance.** Vendors are required to carry \$1 million in general liability insurance. Vendors who sell food (including fruits and vegetables) or body care products must carry, in addition to general liability insurance, at least \$1 million in product liability insurance. The Corporation for Findlay Market must be named an “Additional Insured” on your insurance policy. Proof of insurance must be on hand before the first day of set-up.
- Your insurance agent must provide The Corporation for Findlay Market with a **Certificate of Insurance** listing the required coverage; a certificate of insurance is the only acceptable document, please do not submit your entire policy document. There are no exceptions to this policy. The document can be uploaded on Manage My Market, emailed to the market manager, mailed or delivered by hand.
- 8. Licenses and Certifications.** Vendors are required to provide copies of all licenses and certifications pertaining to the operation of their business at Findlay Market (e.g. Health Department License, Certified Organic) for our records. The documents can also be uploaded on Manage My Market.

- 9. Occupancy During Hours of Operation.** You must be open, fully merchandised and ready for business at the *starting time* for the farmshed. This includes having all products **labeled and priced visibly**. Late set-up is not permitted; persistent tardiness may result in removal from the market. You must be present and actively selling during the posted hours for your area of the market. Early departure or chronic selling out before the end of the market day may result in your reassignment to other space or removal from the market.
- 10. Parking.** Preferably, vendors will only bring one vehicle to the market district on Saturdays and Sundays. Vendors are prohibited from parking in the north parking lot. Park on the street and leave the market's parking lots for customers. It's simple, if customers have a hard time parking to shop because vendors have taken all of the easy spaces, they won't shop here. Idling vehicle engines during market hours is prohibited.
- 11. Unloading.** Vendors that are assigned locations without adjacent parking must drop their load in their assigned location and immediately move their vehicle to allow access by other vendors. Do not stop to set up tables, tents, etc. until your vehicle has been moved from the street.
- 12. Signage.** A sign identifying the name, location and **contact information** of the farm must be prominently displayed. Prior to commencing sales, prices for all items must be visibly posted.
- 13. Sanitation.** Bring and use a broom and dust pan at the end of business day. The space you occupy must be as clean as or cleaner than when you arrived. Operate your stand in a safe and sanitary manner. If you sell readily consumable items, you must provide an approved waste receptacle for used wrappers, napkins, and utensils. Keep the sales area clear of debris. Edible products may not be stored or displayed on the ground.
- 14. Clean-Up, Trash and Recycling.** Clean your stall and remove all refuse from it at the end of the sales day. Recyclables and trash generated in the course of doing business at Findlay Market may be disposed in the market's recycling and trash facilities. Failure to clean your stall or remove debris will result in a cleaning fee payable to the market within one week or before your next day at market, whichever comes first. Failure to pay a cleaning fee may result in expulsion from the market.
- 15. Honest Trade.** Vendors must at all times conduct business fairly, honestly, and legally. All products sold must be legal, truthfully identified, and properly labeled. Products may not be misrepresented. Fraudulent, dishonest, or deceptive practices are prohibited and may result in suspension or expulsion. Vendors must accurately weigh and measure all products sold by weight or measure using certified scales (for all sell-by-weight transactions) inspected and sealed by the Ohio Department of Consumer Affairs and approved by the Hamilton County Office of Weights and Measures. The use of false packs, or the concealment of poor product beneath a topping or facing of better product, is prohibited.
- 16. Legal Operation.** Vendors are individually responsible for conforming to all city, state and federal laws, including the securing of any licenses required and the payment of any taxes due in connection with the operation of their businesses. All products sold at Findlay Market must be legal for retail sale. No stolen, pirated, bootleg, or counterfeit goods may be sold. Products in violation of Findlay Market rules, or city, state or federal law, may be removed by the Market Manager.
- 17. Courteous Behavior.** Findlay Market is a family friendly environment. Vendors must be courteous at all times. Profanity is prohibited by municipal code. Disagreements with other vendors, managers, and customers must be handled in a civil manner. If you threaten or engage in a loud confrontation with a customer, vendor, or member of the market staff, the police will be called, you will be charged with creating a public disturbance, and you will be permanently removed from the market.

- 18. Equipment.** You must provide all of your own chairs, tables, tents, and display equipment. Market-owned furniture is reserved for customers and may not be used by vendors. In the interest of safety, tents, tables, and displays must be secured against wind and severe weather.
- 19. Respectful Operation.** Signs, displays, equipment, and noise levels must be managed so as not to interfere with the conduct of business by nearby vendors.
- 20. Hawking.** Hawking is not permitted. It is a violation of municipal code to “utter loud cries for the purpose of soliciting trade, or to solicit business from other city market tenants by making public statements in the city market about the quality or value of the products or goods of the city market tenants.”
- 21. Generators.** Generators are not permitted.
- 22. Pets.** Vendors must not bring pets into the Market for health and safety reasons
- 23. Amplified Sound.** Boom boxes, radios, and other amplified devices are not permitted.
- 24. Smoking.** Smoking, the use of e-cigarettes or vaping is not permitted in the farmshed, on the esplanades, in the roll-up doors, or near the entryways to the markethouse and surrounding stores. This is a state health ordinance. Vendors who sell food are not permitted to smoke in their sales or prep areas. Violations may result in expulsion from the market.
- 25. Food Stamps, WIC Coupons, Gift Certificates.** Vendors selling eligible food products are required to accept payment from Findlay Market farmers market EBT tokens (EBT/food stamps) Produce Perks and WIC Coupons. All vendors are required to accept Findlay Market Gift Certificates as payment. Do not exchange any alternative currency for cash in any amount. You will be reimbursed for these currencies by The Corporation for Findlay Market. Failure to accept these currencies will result in expulsion from the market.

Retail product vendors, including produce resellers, may not accept and will not be reimbursed for brass farmer’s market EBT tokens, green Produce Perks tokens or farmer’s market WIC coupons. These are government programs restricted to farmer’s markets vendors only.

- 26. Redemption of Alternative Currencies.** Beginning with the 2017 season, farmers will receive all alternative currency reimbursement via direct deposit to their bank account (program details and information required by CFFM will be forthcoming).
- Reimbursements will be issued within two weeks
 - Receipts will be issued for tokens accepted for redemption
 - Confirmation receipts will be issued stating the amount direct deposited
 - Farmers are encouraged to turn in EBT/Produce Perks and other coins weekly
 - WIC/Farmers Market vouchers may be turned into the market manager during the program period. Reimbursement deposit to farmers will occur as CFFM receives reimbursement from the government.

Product and Sales Rules Specific to Farmer’s Market Merchants

- 1. Eligibility.** Only Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana farmers, growers, cottage producers, family members, partners, and employees may sell at the Findlay Market Farmshed. No brokers, re-sellers, or commercial producers are permitted in the Farmshed

- 2. Grown by Producer.** Products sold must be grown or produced by the principal farmer/producer (hereinafter “producer”). Only those items listed on the producer’s application may be sold. Producers must notify the Market Manager (hereinafter “the market”) in writing of any proposed changes before bringing previously unlisted items to the market. Producers should recognize this is one of the most asked questions about the farmshed: consumers want the produce they are buying to be grown by the principal producer.
- 3. Non-Food Products.** In addition to agricultural, horticultural, and food items, the following non-edible products may be sold at the farmshed: dried flowers, dried flower arrangements, vine wreaths, gourds, garden implements, kitchen utensils, body care products, and beeswax candles. All materials must be found, grown, foraged and/or produced by the producer on his/her farm or land.
- 4. Farm Inspections.** The Market reserves the right to inspect or spot-visit any farm or establishment, within 7 days of a request, as necessary throughout the season. Visits will be made only with a farm representative present unless otherwise permitted. Failure to comply will result in suspension from market until farm visit is completed.
- 5. Quality.** Produce offered for sale must be grown, harvested and receive post-harvest care to assure customers receive fresh, high-quality fruits and vegetables. Culls and produce with only a limited shelf-life remaining, which may be useful for processing (i.e. sauces), must be labeled as such. Poor quality produce may be removed by the Market Manager. Farmers should be aware of the Food Safety Modernization Act and implementation dates.
- 6. Supplemental Product.** Producers may not supplement from other growers, auction houses, warehouses, etc. If there is question as to what the producer is selling, the Market Manager will investigate the matter. Violation may result in suspension or removal from market.
- 7. Organic Certification.** All produce or products labeled organic must be third party certified according to USDA standards by a recognized organic certifying agency. Certification letters must be on file with the Corporation and available for inspection at your stand at all times. Verbal or written declarations of organic status that are not documented as required will result in suspension or termination from the Market.
- 8. Value Added Products.** Value-added edible items (i.e., jams, jellies, sauces, baked-goods, etc.) must be produced from scratch ingredients by producers on their farms or in a licensed facility according to state and federal regulations. Licenses must be on file with the Corporation and available at producer’s stand at all times.
- 9. Packaged Items Labeling.** All packaged items (wrapped, bottled, or canned) must be labeled with the producer’s name, address, complete list of ingredients, and net weight.
- 10. Other Products.** Products not specifically listed in these rules must be approved by the Market Manager.
- 11. Temporary Use Agreement.** Vendors must vacate their stalls and remove their property at the end of each market day. Vendors who take time off during the year must vacate their stalls and remove their property during their absences.

Authority of the Market Manager

1. All space assignments are made at the sole discretion of the Market Manager. Space assignments may be changed from time to time by the Market Manager.
2. The Market Manager has sole authority for determining which products may and may not be sold at Findlay Market.
3. The Market Manager is the final authority for settling disputes with and between vendors.
4. The Market Manager may remove a vendor for violating market rules.
5. The Market Rules and Regulations can be amended at any time. Existing vendors will be given a 30 day notice of any changes. If a change is required to protect public health and safety, notice of the change will be given immediately and vendors will be expected to comply immediately.

Acknowledgement and Signatures

I have read the rules above and I agree to abide by them.

Vendor Signature: _____ Date:

Market Manager: _____ Date:

TEMPORARY USE AGREEMENT

In consideration for and as a pre-condition to the undersigned (“Licensee”) obtaining from The Corporation For Findlay Market of Cincinnati (“CFFM”), the Ohio non-profit corporation responsible for managing historic Findlay Market (the “Market”), the temporary right to use space: in the Farmer’s Market shed, on north or south Elder Streets, on the Race Street Esplanade, on the Elm Street Esplanade, on Pleasant Street, on Elder Street between Race and Vine, in the market’s parking lots, or in the roll-up doors along north Elder Street (collectively “Part-time/Seasonal Vending Areas”) in the Market, Licensee agrees to the following terms and conditions:

1. **Term:** Depending on the specific location, the term of Licensee’s right to occupy space within the Part-time/Seasonal Vending Areas will be on either a daily or a week-to-week basis. Licensee agrees that it has
 - a. no expectation that the term will be extended or renewed, and
 - b. no right to a specific location, regardless of how many times or for how long it has occupied a given space. All space assignments are in the sole and absolute discretion of CFFM.
2. **Fee:** Licensee agrees to pay the fee listed in the License Fee Schedule published by CFFM from time-to-time for the specific space to be occupied by Licensee. Licensee may, with CFFM’s permission, pay fees in advance, but doing so does not establish any right of occupancy longer than one week. If Licensee’s right to use the space is terminated prior to exhausting any fees paid in advance, the excess amount will be refunded to Licensee.
3. **Use of Premises:** Licensee will use space allocated to it only for commercial retail purposes, and to sell only the specific products for which it obtains pre-approval from CFFM. Licensee acknowledges that all spaces within the Part-time/Seasonal Vending Areas are open to the public and are not climate controlled. Licensee agrees that use of any space in the Part-time/Seasonal Vending Areas is at the sole risk of Licensee. Licensee is solely responsible for taking precautions against theft, damage or other loss of its products, equipment and other personal property, and for personal injury to Licensee, its employees, representatives and customers. Licensee agrees to save, hold harmless and indemnify CFFM and the City of Cincinnati, their employees, directors, officers, representatives and agents, from any and all claims by any person or persons for damages, injuries or otherwise arising out of or in connection with Licensee’s operations at the Market. Licensee agrees not to leave any personal property in its space at any time when Licensee is not physically present, without CFFM’s consent.
4. **Rules and Regulations:** Licensee agrees to abide by the rules and regulations that CFFM from time-to-time promulgates pertaining to the Part-time/Seasonal Vending Areas. Licensee acknowledges that it is familiar with the current rules and regulations, and that it is Licensee’s responsibility to remain familiar with the rules and regulations promulgated by CFFM from time-to-time.
5. **Termination:** Licensee’s right to use any space assigned to it may be terminated by CFFM at any time. If the usage is on a day-to-day basis, CFFM may simply assign the space to someone else or request that Licensee vacate without further notice. Where the usage is on a week-to-week basis, Licensee agrees to vacate the space upon receipt of five days advance written notice from CFFM. Upon receipt of such notice, Licensee will vacate the space entirely on or before the end of the fifth calendar day after receipt of notice. In the event that Licensee fails to timely vacate, CFFM has the right to remove all Licensee’s property from the space and either put such property in storage and charge reasonable expenses to Licensee or otherwise dispose of such property without further obligation to Licensee, all in CFFM’s sole and absolute discretion. Licensee acknowledges that the rights created under this Agreement do not constitute a lease of any kind, and that no formal eviction proceedings are necessary to remove Licensee from any space within the Part-time/Seasonal Vending Areas.
6. **Limitation of Liability:** CFFM will in no event ever be liable to Licensee for any incidental or consequential damages, including but not limited to loss of business or damage to Licensee’s business reputation.
7. **Notices:** Notices shall be effectively made when hand-delivered, posted within the Premises, or delivered by electronic mail, fax or postal mail at the following addresses:
 - Licensee:** Primary Contact and address listed in market application
 - CFFM:** Michael Hass, Market Manager
 - Address: PO Box 14727, Cincinnati, OH, 45250-0727
 - FAX: 513.721.3480
 - Email: mhass@findlaymarket.org**Or at such address as either party may prescribe.**

In submitting online application and or signing application above, Licensee acknowledges that this Agreement will remain in full force and effect, and binding upon Licensee and its affiliates, for any time and from time-to-time whenever Licensee undertakes to occupy space in the Part-time/Seasonal Vending Areas at the Market.