

Tallahassee Farmers Market Rules

All vendors approved by the Vendor Vetting Committee, Board and or Market Manager to sell at the Tallahassee Farmers Market will abide by the following rules.

Board Members

1. Tallahassee Farmers Market members have invested the power of authority to elected Board Members to conduct and transact official business for the farmers market.
2. The Board shall grant the Market Manager, President and or Treasurer the power to disburse funds for expenses not to exceed \$300. Expenses exceeding this amount has to be approved by the Board prior to spending funds.
3. Funds for charitable organizations such as 4-H, Future Farmers of America, Florida Association of Voluntary Agencies for Caribbean Action, etc. shall be approved by the board prior to donating funds.
4. Annual meeting and election of officers will be held each year by March 31st with Board Members meeting two weeks prior to election. Please see bylaws for election protocol.

Expulsion

1. Any act of abusive language, violation of market rules or any other action that is disruptive to the normal operation of the market will be considered as conduct unacceptable for participation of the market. The Board will expel the violator(s) from the market immediately.
2. All complaints regarding market operations must first be directed to the Market Manager or President in writing. The Manager or President will take the appropriate action.
3. No vendor will be allowed to sell their products on another vendor's table to thus increase their allotted stall space, unless the vendor is not at that particular Saturday market. Example: Sally has two stalls but also has eggplant for sale on Sam's table. She now has two stalls plus she is selling from Sam's table.
4. Prior to selling at the market all fees must be paid.
5. Any vendor selling frozen or pre-frozen produce will be expelled and dismissed from the Tallahassee Farmers Market immediately.
6. Because we are a food service establishment - vendors may not smoke. They may smoke in parking lot.
7. If payment for stall fees is later than one month the vendor will be suspended. If vendor pays all fees due, they may be reenlisted upon approval by the Board.

Fees

Cooperative membership fee per stall will be:

- Yearly: \$200

Fees for those selling less than 6 months per year:

- Monthly: \$10

All fees are due on or before the first Saturday in March.

Fees for late payment:

- After 30 days vendor will be suspended (see expulsion)

Market Qualifications

1. Vendor must allow Vendor Vetting Committee, Market Manager or President to visit farm and verify that he or she is in fact growing crops to sell at the Tallahassee Farmers Market. This inspection must occur before the applicant may sell at the market.
2. All vendors are subject to possible random unannounced inspection of their farm.

Stall Space

1. Stalls are limited to not more than two adjoining stalls per vendor with the exception of vendors selling ornamentals, who are only allotted one stall space each.
2. **Each vendor will be responsible for seeing that his or her stall is cleaned before leaving for the day.**
3. Fruits and vegetables that comprise of ½ ton pickup truckload or larger will be sold at a designated place. No items may be transported to and from vehicles and sold at the market.

Sale of Produce

1. There will be no sales of bananas unless grown by vendor.
2. During the peak growing season, a vendor will be allowed to place on sale a total of 55 hampers of vegetables and fruit which have been grown by the vendor. Vendor grown sweet or field corn has no limit. A vendor cannot purchase more than ten boxes or crates of any vegetable or fruit any time year-round. (10 boxes tomatoes, 10 boxes peaches)
3. No canned or processed foods such as jams, pesto, etc. will be sold unless vendor has necessary permits or the products are covered under Cottage Foods Statute.
4. No produce will be sold from vehicles that are occupying space reserved for consumers.
5. Producers are allowed to purchase up to 40% of produce sold, however 60% of all produce sold at this market must be grown by vendor.
6. No organic material such as crab-waste or any materials which create an unpleasant odor or attract flies will be sold at the market.
7. Vendors may not process foods at the market with the exception of shelling peas. This is Florida law.
8. All products being sold are subject to be inspected daily by the Board of Directors.

Parking

1. Vendors are encouraged to park in the shopping center adjacent to the market. This will leave ample space for customers in the parking area. Vehicles must be moved immediately after produce has been unloaded.

Ornamentals

Stall space is limited to one stall per vendor; only six stalls are available for ornamental producers. If by any chance, a vendor relinquishes his/her space, then, and only then can another ornamental plant vendor be accepted.

1. No vendor will be allowed to purchase from a nursery or any individual and retail at this market.

Other Items

1. The sale of all farm made non-food items must be approved by the Board of Directors prior to sale.

Vendor Statement:

I, _____, owner/operator of _____ (farm name) have read the rules and will abide by all rules governing the operation and management of the Tallahassee Farmers Market.

Signed _____ Date _____