

2022 Weaver Library Farmers' Market Vendor Application

Vendor Information

Farm/Business Name _____

Your Name _____

The 12-week market starts June 30 and runs through September 15, every Thursday from 4 to 7 PM, load in NO LATER THAN 3:15 pm.

Mailing Address _____

Physical Address _____

E-mail _____

Cell _____

Facebook Page _____

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR PREFERRED METHOD OF COMMUNICATION (phone call, text, email, Facebook Messenger, etc.) _____

Foods / Products I want to sell

Please attach appropriate list. Include all products and please be specific.

FARMERS ONLY:

- List of Products grown by me on my farm
- List of Products grown by me off of my farm
- List of products that are bought for resale
- List location(s) where you grow and what is grown at each location

PRODUCERS AND FARMERS SELLING VALUE ADDED PRODUCTS:

- List local ingredients & source for any prepared/ artisan foods

Participation Agreement

I have read and agree to abide by the "Market Standards" on the accompanying page. I understand that these standards guarantee a level of quality that is expected by customers.

X _____ Date _____

Market Fee: \$60 Vendor Application Fee due by June 1, 2022.

Market Requirements (subject to change)

Our goal is to foster a market with a diversity of locally grown and produced foods that are accessible to all segments of the population and unrivaled in quality and freshness. Failure to comply with the following requirements degrades the market and will jeopardize participation.

Farm Products – Produce, Honey, Maple Syrup, Eggs, Dairy, Meat, Flowers, Fiber:

Over the course of the farmers' market season, 80% of what you sell must be grown on your own farm. 100% must be sourced from farms in RI, MA, or CT, or, in the case of maple syrup, Vermont. You may be asked to display the farm name and state origins of the purchased food.

Artisanal products – Bread, Coffee, Chocolate, Jams, Pickles, Non-Farm Dairy, Soap:

Must be crafted in RI, MA or CT and made with local ingredients if those ingredients are available from farms in New England. You may be asked to display the farm name and state origins for the locally sourced ingredients. Must be made in a kitchen licensed by the state Department of Health.

Prepared foods – Sandwiches, Salads, Pastries:

Must be made in a kitchen licensed by the state Department of Health. Vendors must sell at least one item with ingredients grown in RI, MA or CT. You may be asked to display the farm and state origins for the locally sourced ingredients.

Product Insurance and Licensing: All vendors must carry product liability insurance and appropriate licensing from the RI or MA Department of Health.

Attendance: Attendance must be consistent and arranged with market managers. Prior notice of market absence is required for ANY reason, including inclement weather. Vendors must notify the Market Team by 12 PM of market day. We will assume you will be present if we do not hear from you by then. Vendors missing more than **three** markets are subject to suspension from selling at market for the remainder of the season.

Inclement Weather Policy

The Weaver Library Farmers Market is a rain or shine event. However, the safety of our vendors and attendees is of paramount concern. In the event of adverse weather conditions, the event may be canceled.

Definition of Adverse Weather Conditions

The Market may be canceled due to Thunderstorms, Heavy Rain, Hurricane Watch or Warning, Heat Advisory or any other extreme weather condition. The decision to cancel the Market will be made by 12 PM the day of the market and based on the prediction of 60% chance or more of severe weather.

Communication

As soon as a decision is made, vendors will be notified via email, phone, or other preferred method. Attendees will be updated via social media and the library website.

Criteria We Consider: In evaluating applications, these are among the criteria we consider: if applicant is a farmer; if applicant is a locally owned and controlled small business; extent of ingredient sourcing from local family farms; sustainable business practices; distance of production from market; previous involvement with our market; if applicant has access to other retail markets. Acceptance into the market is at the discretion of Weaver Library Farmers' Market Managers and Team.

To submit this application, please include:

- 1) Copy of liability insurance and appropriate Department of Health licenses
- 2) Application and application fee of **\$60**
- 3) Checks should be made payable to the **Friends of the East Providence Public Library**
- 4) Questions? Contact Market Manager Tara Cimini at weaverfarmersmarket@gmail.com or call the library at **401-434-2453** and ask for Deb Tirrell. Either Tara or Deb will be happy to help you.

Send application packets to:

**Weaver Library Farmers Market
41 Grove Avenue
East Providence, RI 02914**