

FCCM FARMERS' MARKET RULES AND REGULATIONS



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The Mission of Fulton County Medical Center is "To continuously improve the health of our community."

We perform this mission by:

- Providing diagnostic and therapeutic services in our acute care hospital
- Maintaining health and providing a higher quality of life in our community by operating a nursing home and a home care program
- Offering access to care through a multi-specialty clinic
- Working with other local providers and agencies to promote wellness in our community
- Providing services regardless of the ability to pay

Vision Statement:

The Fulton County Medical Center Farmers' Market will strengthen the relationship between consumers and growers by providing a venue where growers can directly sell their fresh and locally sourced foods, as well as other goods, to those who need and desire them, thereby strengthening our community, our working food producers, our economy and our awareness of the nutritional and sustainable benefits of fresh produce and goods.

Definition of a Market:

The Fulton County Farmers' Market will be held on the Fulton County Medical Center's campus on Fridays from June through October, depending on participation and product availability, from 9 am to 2 pm and is a market where producers may sell directly to the public in accordance with State and County regulations.

Definition of a Producer:

A producer is defined as a person who has raised and/or prepared the item for sale and can include the producer, a member of the producer's family or an employee of the producer. The producer must complete an application to sell, including a verification form stating where the items they have for sale will be grown, sign a copy of the Market rules and regulations, and must have been approved by the Market Coordinator of the Fulton County Medical Center.

Items for Sale:

Items for sale at the Fulton County Medical Center will be agricultural products that have been approved by the Fulton County Medical Centers' Market Coordinator, under the authority of the Fulton County Medical Center. Products must be raised and produced by the producer intending to sell the products. Limited amounts of crafts will be allowed into the Market at the discretion of the Market Coordination. Crafts must be prepared by the producer, a producer's family or an employee of the producer. Any produce which are grown locally, but not grown by the vendor must be labeled as such and approved by the Market Coordinator. If any questions arise whether a product satisfies the market product rules, the Market Coordinator will make a determination regarding the product. If a vendor disagrees with the decision, the vendor may appeal in writing to the Market Coordinator and Community Health and Wellness Coordinator.

Space Allocation:

Spaces will be assigned to the approved vendors by the Market Coordinator, under the direction of the Fulton County Medical Center. Once a space is assigned to a vendor, an attempt will be made to keep the vendor in the assigned space. The Market reserves the right to reassign spaces if needed. If a vendor is absent, his or her space may be reassigned at the discretion of the Market Coordinator. Vendors may not offer their assigned space to any other vendor, as all vendors must apply for a space directly with the Fulton County Medical Center Farmers' Market. All vendors should be set up in their assigned space by 9:45 am and should not tear down until the close of the Market at 6 pm or until vendor is out of produce. Vendors will unload their vehicles first and then park in the nearby public parking area. No parking will be permitted by vendors in the market area on the gravel area.

In addition, vendors will be required to secure tables, shelter, and/or cover with adequate supports and weights to ensure safety at their space. In the event that any vendor's tent is tipped over by the wind, and had not been secured, the vendor may be barred from any future participation in the Market. Vendors will be responsible for any damage or injury resulting from failure to secure their belongings.

Space Fee:

The space fee for the vendor at the Fulton County Medical Center Farmers' Market is \$10 per market day. The \$10 fee will be collected each market day. The rate has to be paid in full before the start of the market. A seasonal fee of \$190 is also offered. If paying the seasonal fee, the money must be submitted to the Market Coordinator before the start of the first Market date.

Pricing of Products:

Producers are asked to refrain from price-cutting that is unfair to other producers and the Market. Producers may sell by the piece or by volume. Producers may sell by weight only if they use scales with a current inspection sticker from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. Producers are to follow fair business practices in quality, price and are to meet all health regulations including federal, state and local laws pertaining to retailing.

Displaying and Selling Goods;

Vendors must furnish their own table, chairs and other display needs, including protection from rain. All producers must comply with Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture regulations when displaying goods. For health reasons sample may not be distributed. Vendors are responsible for the cleanliness and safety of their assigned space. All trash and waste should be removed by the vendor at the close of the Market. Vendors are expected to conduct business in a courteous manner. Attracting attention to goods by hawking or crying out is prohibited. Arguing with or harassing purchasers, other vendors or the Market Coordinator and/or the use of profane language will not be tolerated and is grounds for dismissal from the Market. Vendors who are required to have a food safety inspection report must have it at their booth for inspection at all times.

Insurance:

Market Vendors are required to provide a copy of a valid product liability insurance policy each year prior to being allowed to participate in the market. This product liability insurance should be a minimum of one million dollars of liability insurance for each vendor. Vendors without valid up-to-date insurance will not be permitted to set up at the market. Vendors are responsible for providing copies of updated proof of insurance upon policy renewal.

Failure to Comply with Market Rules and Regulations:

Failure to comply with rules and regulations of the Fulton County Medical Center Farmers' Market will result in the removal of the offending vendor from the market for the day of the offense, and may result in the banning of that vendor from the Market for any period of time deemed appropriate by the Fulton County Medical Center, including permanent banning.

Miscellaneous:

Producers/vendors are not permitted to bring pets to the Market. Producers/vendors choosing to bring children under the age of twelve years old must accompany the children and should not allow a disruption of the Market flow.

Enforcement of the Rules:

The Market Coordinator, under the authority of the Fulton County Medical Center, will review and approve/deny applications, collect fees, assign spaces to vendors, and enforce the rules and regulations of the Market. The Fulton County Medical Center Market Coordinator may revise the rules and regulations of the Fulton County Medical Center Farmers' Market as needed to maintain and improve the Market. Complaints should be in written form, presented to the Market Coordinator and will be handled as deemed appropriate by the Fulton County Medical Center.

These rules and regulations have been approved by the Fulton County Medical Center on April 10th, 2017.

I, _____ representing _____

(Name of Business) have read and agree to abide by these rules and regulations as set forth by the Fulton County Medical Center, Inc. Board of Directors.

Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name _____

