



North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
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Open every day 7:00 am – 6:00 pm, except Christmas Day

2024 All Vendor Guidelines Effective January 1, 2024

1) **Market Information:**

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- H. **Market Hours:** Open every day 7:00 am – 6:00 pm, except Christmas Day
- I. **Acceptable Vendors Defined:**
 - **North Carolina Farmers** – any farmer that grows agricultural commodities in NC who has been approved by Piedmont Triad Farmers Market (PTFM) Management based on the submission of a 2024 Vendor Application Form and a Farmer Certification inspection completed by PTFM Management. Examples: produce growers, livestock growers, nursery operators, cut-flower growers, beekeepers, etc.
 - **Non-Farmer Prepared Foods / Baked Goods** – vendors who prepare and package food in a certified kitchen. To qualify for this status requires submission of a 2024 Vendor Application Form and documentation of a Certified Kitchen Inspection from the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Food and Drug Division or NC County Environmental Health Department.

- **Non-Farmer Pet Food** – vendors who make edible products for pets. To qualify for this status requires submission of a 2024 Vendor Application and provide documentation of product registered with NCDA&CS Food and Drug Protection – Feed Program.
- **Non-Farmer Artisans** – vendors who utilize agricultural products in their hand-crafted *functional* items. To qualify for this status requires submission of a 2024 Vendor Application and attend a Vendor Meeting with Market Management.
- **Non-Farmer Brewer** – vendors who sell alcoholic beverages derived from raw ingredients they do not grow. To qualify for this status requires submission of a 2024 Vendor Application Form, Vendors must provide proof of applicable ABC licensing, and attend a Vendor Meeting with Market Management.
- **Non-Farmer Concessions** – vendors who are not required to have inspections by NC Food and Drug or NC County Environmental Health Department. Examples: popcorn, donuts, etc.
- **Out-of-State Farmers** – vendors permitted to sell at the PTFM who are farmers and growers are only. No prepared foods, baked goods, or concession vendors are permitted due to North Carolina Food and Drug regulations.
- **Other** – special guest vendors who come to the Market to enhance the experience of the Market clientele with their educational or entertainment demonstrations. Educational guests are required to be part of a non-profit organization and be approved by Market Management. Examples include blood drives, libraries, law enforcement, etc.
- Note: LIVE PLANTS, PRODUCE, OR OTHER AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES SUCH AS THOSE SOLD BY CERTIFIED FARMERS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO BE SOLD BY NON-FARMER VENDORS.

2) Selling Space:

- A. All vendors must complete a Vendor Application, schedule an office meeting or Farm Certification Inspection with Market Management, and receive approval from Market Management annually before being allowed to rent selling space.
 - Approved vendor certifications expire on December 31st each year.
 - All vendors are required to resubmit an application for approval each year before returning to the Market to sell as an approved vendor.
- B. All items intended to be sold must be pre-approved by Market Management to verify that all certifications and licenses have been obtained and comply with federal, state, and local standards.
 - Should a vendor sell an unapproved product, they will be asked to immediately remove the product from their selling area. It is expected that the vendor will do so.
 - Please see Section #14 below for the process and penalties regarding guideline violations.
- C. Selling space assignments are made at the Gatehouse based on space availability at the time the vendor arrives.
 - Changes in selling space assignment must be authorized by the on-duty Gatehouse Associate.
 - Authorization must be obtained before moving to another space.
 - Vendors are not permitted to rent a space without product to sell, intending only to reserve the space (please contact the office for details on renting space prior to April 1).
- D. Selling space availability will be determined according to seasonal demands.
- E. *No vendor is guaranteed selling space or the same selling space.*
- F. Selling spaces must be paid for at the Gatehouse *before* they are claimed. Vendors are not allowed to set up and sell without paying.
- G. Rent is to be paid for all days that space is occupied.
 - If product is left in rented selling spaces when a sales representative is not present, the product must be covered, roped off, and a closed sign clearly displayed at the front of the selling space.

- *Closed signs must include hours of operations.*
- H. Vendors must acquire approval from Market Management before adding any additional spaces.
- I. It is the Vendor's responsibility to notify the Gatehouse of any intention to alter the configuration of rented spaces.
- J. At 6:00pm daily, PTFM staff will document the configuration of spaces utilized that day by each vendor and the daily rent will be tallied based on these observations. If the vendor has any product in a space at that time, it will be considered occupied, and rent will be charged.
- K. It is the Vendor's responsibility to notify the Gatehouse of intentions of moving in or out.
- L. Selling spaces are not transferable from one vendor to another. Vendors are not allowed to sublet selling space to others.
- M. Sharing selling space will be allowed with Market Management's approval. *Sharing will only be approved for two vendors of the same vendor type/vendor category. (i.e., Certified Farmer Vendors with another Certified Farmer, Certified Non-Farmer Vendors with another Certified Non-Farmer Vendor and Concession Non-Farmer Vendors with another Concession Non-Farmer Vendor).*
- N. No live animals may be sold.
- O. No pets are permitted in the selling areas (i.e., Farmers' Area 1, Farmers' Area 2, and the Market Shoppes). Only service animals are allowed inside those areas.

3) Payment Options:

A. **Daily**

- Vendors who pay for the use of space per day.
- Vendors pay at the Gatehouse before entering the Market.
- No items are to be left on the Market when the vendor is finished selling for the day.

B. **Weekly**

- Vendors who retain space and sell on the Market on a weekly basis. This option is *not* available to Non-Farmer Vendors.
- Vendors must pay the first day of the week that the vendor sells at the Market. Example: If the vendor sells on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, the rent is due on Thursday.
- If a vendor opts to retain space beyond the initial week, full payment is required in advance for the additional days or week that is selected.
 - It is the vendor's responsibility to notify Gatehouse staff *in advance* when retaining space beyond any rental period.
 - Failure to make full payment in advance for the days or additional week chosen will result in the account accruing a past due amount based on the daily rental rate.

C. **Monthly**

- Rent and associated fees can be paid monthly in *advance*. Please contact Market Management to make payment arrangements.
- Rent and associated fees are to be paid **by the 10th of the month**.
- If a vendor opts to retain space beyond the initial month, full payment is expected in advance for the additional month by the 10th of the next month.
 - It is the vendor's responsibility to notify Gatehouse staff *in advance* when retaining space beyond any rental period.
 - It is not the Gatehouse staff's responsibility to determine that a vendor would like to extend their rental time based on a vendor leaving product(s) in rental spaces.
 - Failure to make full payment in advance for the next month will result in the account accruing a past due amount based on the daily rental rate.

D. Credits

- There will be no credits or refunds issued without Market Management approval.

E. Payment Types

- Cash, check, or credit/debit cards. Only Visa or Master Card are accepted.
- If the rent is paid with a credit/debit card, the vendor renting the space must make the payment in person.
- If payment is made by cash or check, a vendor's employee may make payment.

4) Weather-Related Market Cancellations:

- A. The Market is open "rain or shine," year-round.
- B. The Market reserves the right to close if it is determined that severe weather conditions could compromise the safety of vendors and shoppers. The Market will remain open unless an "Extreme Weather Warning" is issued from the National Weather Service.
- C. Notice of the Market closing will be on the Office phone's answering machine at (336) 605-9157, on Facebook, and local news stations.
- D. Vendors may also contact Market Management at (336) 605-9157 for more information if needed during periods of current or anticipated inclement weather.

5) Operating Selling Space:**A. Hours of Operations**

- All vendors need to be checked in and set up with product in their space and prepared to sell by **9:00 am daily**. If special arrangements need to be made, please notify Market Management.

B. Vendor Identification

- All vendors must display their business name on a sign that is oriented toward the center aisle. A minimum size of 22"x 28" standard poster board is recommended for signs displayed from stands on the ground. A maximum banner size of 4' x 8' will be permitted for hanging above a vendor's rented space. The banner must be installed by the seller. Signs may state the business' location (e.g., city/town, county) if a vendor would like to do so.
- All signs must be approved by Market Management.
- Display height may not exceed 66" including product, beginning at the front of the A space, and going back 8 feet. 8 feet is marked with blue paint in each space.
- Vendors are not to erect banners, screens or other items that would hinder the ability of shoppers to see other vendors down the line.
- Vendors are not to set up any display that would impede the distribution of water from fire suppression sprinkler heads.
- All construction within rented space must be approved by the Market Manager and must meet applicable building codes.

C. All items belonging to each vendor must be kept within the confines of the rented selling spaces.

- Each space is conspicuously marked with paint on all sides to facilitate each vendor keeping their items within their space(s).
- Vendors are not to put signs or tables in the aisles of the selling areas.

D. Vendors are not permitted to use any selling space they have not paid for and formally been assigned. This includes storing and/or preparation of products.**E. *HONOR BOXES ARE NOT TO BE USED* (i.e., a box where shoppers leave money if a vendor representative is not available to process a sale).**

- Vendors must always have a representative in their rented selling space while the business is open.

- Vendors may have another vendor cover their rented selling space when their representative goes on break.
- F. Vendors are responsible for keeping the inside and outside of their selling space clean, orderly, and attractive. No homesteading is allowed.
- G. When vacating the selling space, **everything** must be removed from the Market. Examples: vehicles, trailers, personal tables, containers, waste, etc.
- H. Vendors are responsible for removing their own trash at the end of the day.
 - Vendors are to remove trash accumulated during the day to the dumpsters provided on site, or, they may choose to take it with them when they leave.
 - All organic waste is to be disposed of in the Market's green produce dumpster.
 - All other waste is to be disposed of in the Market's blue trash dumpster.
 - Aluminum cans are not to be mixed with other trash. North Carolina State law requires that these cans be stored separately and recycled.
 - Vendors who fail to remove their trash daily will lose the privilege of using Market dumpsters.
 - **Vendors are not permitted to use trash cans in the aisles. Aisle trash cans are reserved for the sole use of Market Shoppers.**
- I. Market Management must approve the use of all outside selling space before it is used. This includes vehicles, handcarts, signs, cones, forklifts, tents, etc.
- J. Vendors may sell in only one area of the Market.
- K. If a vendor is authorized by Market Management to have multiple spaces in the same area, they must be adjoined.
- L. Children under 14 years of age are not permitted to roam or wander the Market unless accompanied by an adult who is responsible for such minors.
- M. Vendors who intend to advertise products as "Organically Grown" or "Pesticide Free" must provide documentation to Market Management to support the legitimacy of such claims.
- N. Anyone planning to use any type of covering (e.g., tents, carports, umbrellas, buildings, wind shielding structures, etc.) must have prior approval from Market Management. The covering must fit inside the space. 10'x10' tents fit best within the rental spaces. *All coverings should be anchored to prevent being blown away by wind.*
- O. *No pop-up tents may be used under the shelters of Farmers' Areas 1&2 per DOI code.*

6) Labeling

- A. All items sold must be clearly priced and labeled.
- B. Vendors must not misrepresent any products as to quality, price, origin, variety, or amount. All sign descriptions of products must be accurate.
- C. A sign with price ranges will be allowed for certain items. Examples: pumpkins, gourds, perennials, or other items as approved by Market Management.
- D. The North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Standards Division requires that units of measurement be specific.
 - Permissible Example: 3lb bag of apples \$\$\$.
 - Non-Permissible Example: Basket of apples \$\$\$.
 - Scales must be legal for trade (Class III National Type Evaluation Program approved).
- E. Vendors are not allowed to make erroneous health claims of products. Any health claims must be supported by the USFDA, USDA, or other applicable governing entity.
- F. All sellers must obey labeling and weight laws required by the appropriate governmental agency and have any license and permit as required by law.
- G. Labels for food and body products need to include:

- Name of Company
- Address
- Contact information
- Two weight measurements (lbs, oz, g, etc.)
- Allergy caution statements
- Ingredient list

7) Food Safety Practices:

- A. Any food item that is deemed by Market Management as unsafe must be removed. Examples: produce showing signs or symptoms of a fungal, bacterial, or viral disease, rotting and mildewing, meat products not kept at correct temperatures.
- B. Fresh fruits, vegetables, and other food items must be stored off the ground by using impervious plastic tubs or setting empty crates or boxes under those holding the product. Food items kept in boxes, crates, bags, or baskets may not be kept on the ground.
- C. All foods offered for sale must comply with the requirements of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Food and Drug Protection Division.

8) Customer And Vendor Complaints:

- A. It is the responsibility of the vendor to satisfy customer complaints.
- B. Upon receipt of numerous customer complaints about the same vendor, Market Management may deny the vendor's privilege to sell at the market.
- C. If a vendor has a complaint about another vendor, please provide the complaint in writing to Market Management. Be sure to provide specific details.

9) Accidents/Injuries:

- A. Vendors are responsible for accidents or injuries that occur within their rented selling space or involving their displays or equipment (e.g., trailers, tables, signs, umbrellas, etc.). It is strongly recommended that all vendors purchase a liability insurance policy. If liability insurance is purchased, please provide Market Management with a copy of the policy.
- B. It is the vendor's responsibility to keep their rented booth spaces clean and clutter free to help prevent customer accidents.
- C. If injuries occur in a vendor's space because of vendor negligence, the vendor will incur the cost of any charges for the customer's injuries.

10) Sanitation

- A. Old cartons, crates, excess debris, etc., cannot be stored on the Market.
- B. Spaces must be cleaned daily.
- C. Pallets and bins cannot be stacked more than 6 feet tall.
- D. Products, bins with product, empty bins, pallets, or other material used in your business that are outside the area which you rent will be assessed a fee of \$5.00 per day per 200 square feet.
- E. No vehicles, bins, or material are to be parked at the ends of the buildings.
- F. Any vehicle, trailer, buildings, bins, or pallets in a non-authorized area will be removed at your expense.
- G. Propane cylinders must be stored in an approved area and in approved containers.
- H. Market water cannot be used to wash vehicles.

11) Vendor Integrity:

- A. While at the Market, vendors are expected to behave courteously and professionally toward customers, other vendors, Market staff, and volunteers. Market vendors and vendor employees are not to use profanity, abusive language, or exhibit hostility or intolerance toward *anyone*.
- B. Vendors may not publicly disparage other vendors, products, Market staff, or the Market. This also includes postings on social media.
- C. Vendors are responsible for making sure that all individuals working in their selling space are familiar with and adhere to all Market rules and guidelines.
- D. Vendors are expected to stand behind the sale of their product.
- E. No vendor is to approach customers while they are at the location of another vendor.
- F. No loud calling out of prices or hawking for customers is permitted.
 - This includes calling out in a repetitive public manner and selling in an aggressive way.
 - Standing in the aisles while providing samples to customers is not permitted.
 - All vendors must stay within their selling space to sell.
 - No loud noise is permitted. Examples: radios, tape players, drums, musical instruments, etc.
- G. Behavior that is disruptive in any way will not be tolerated.
- H. Vendors who give out samples must be responsible for the seeds, skins, pits, rinds, or juice, etc. (i.e., have a bag or can into which such sample “leftovers” can be discarded).
- I. Parking spaces and gravel areas are not to be used to store chairs, tables, baskets, trailers, etc.
- J. Please help the Market maintain and keep the restrooms clean. Report unclean conditions to the Gatehouse Associates or Maintenance Personnel.
- K. Defacing or damaging Market buildings, pavement, or other equipment is not allowed.
- L. Gambling, the use of alcohol, or other controlled substances is prohibited and persons under the influence of intoxicants or exhibiting disorderly conduct can be removed.
- M. Fireworks are not permitted on the Market.
- N. Vendors in the Farmers’ Areas are not to use the coolers of wholesale or enclosed retail tenants.
- O. Notify Market Management if you discover product is missing and appears to have been stolen.
- P. No vendor is permitted to enter into price agreements with other vendors to raise, lower, or fix prices for products on the Market. Vendors are not to influence other vendors to sell lower or higher. Each vendor sells as they wish without interference from others.
- Q. Unsold produce should be carried home, donated to hunger-relief programs, or offered to livestock farmers.
- R. Vendors are not to use a false pack (i.e., facing or topping of containers with the best products exposed and poor products underneath) or to knowingly pack products that are short in weight.
- S. Commercially manufactured value-added goods, crafts, and baked good items are prohibited.
- T. Vendors wishing to sell handmade craft or baked good items must meet with Market Management prior to offering them for sale. Craft items will be limited to products created from naturally occurring raw agricultural materials:
 - Wood, straw, clay, vine, plant, natural beeswax, homespun fiber, and other natural products are the only materials permitted in the making of craft items sold at this Market.
 - All craft items sold at this Market must be functional (i.e., have a practical purpose such as dishes and bowls for eating or serving food, birdhouses for shelter/protection, canisters for storage, etc.).
- U. For vendors to sell baked goods and canned items, kitchen certification and product labeling is required.
- V. Vendors must always obey the 15 miles per hour speed limit and yield to pedestrians.
- W. No reckless driving.

12) Electricity:

A. Electrical Appliances

- All electrical appliances must be pre-approved by Market Management.
- Any vendor who needs electricity is required to notify the Gatehouse before using.
- The fee for electricity is \$1.00 per day, per appliance.
 - Refrigerators, coolers, microwaves, heaters, electrical cooking equipment (e.g., crock pots, grills, skillets) are permitted for **personal use** and will be assessed the \$1.00 per day fee. A \$2.00 per day fee is charged for each bean and pea sheller.
 - No electricity fee will apply for scales, cash registers, card machines, cell phones, or POS systems.
- Electrical circuits are not to be overloaded. Overloaded circuits present a fire hazard. Please call the Gatehouse Associate on duty for tripped breaker resets.
- Televisions are not permitted.
- Check with the Office or Gatehouse Associate on duty if you have any questions regarding the use of electricity.

B. Extension Cords

- Extension cords cannot be used as permanent wiring.
- No frayed or broken cords are allowed.
- If an extension cord crosses a walkway/path within your space it must have a strip cover (cord protector) over it to protect it from foot traffic and to help minimize slip, trip, and fall hazards.
- No extension cords are to be used for large or medium appliances. Example: Refrigerators will need to be plugged directly into a wall outlet.
- Extension cords cannot be located outside your rented selling space (i.e., no dragging cords through another vendor's space or across a Market walkway/main aisle).

C. Power Strips

- When needing to provide electricity to more than one device, a power strip may be used (e.g., for scales, cash registers, small fans, phone chargers, laptops, and tablets).
- Must have a cord on the power strip long enough to reach all the devices.
- Extension cords cannot be plugged into the power strip.
- Power strips must be plugged directly into a wall outlet.
- Power strips cannot be plugged into other power strips.

D. Portable Space Heaters

- The user of a space heater must follow all the manufacturer's operating instructions and requirements. Salamander heaters are not permitted.
- The space heater must contain fully enclosed heating surfaces, be provided with a thermostat, tip over safety shut off, and be listed by an approved listing agency such as Underwriter Laboratories or other accredited listing agent.
- The user must ensure the space heater is not plugged into an extension cord, multioutlet strip, or surge protector. The space heater must plug directly into an approved 120-volt AC receptacle.
- Space heaters and their cords shall not be positioned to create a tripping hazard in the work area.
- The user will ensure that the space heater is turned off when unattended and at the close of business.
- A minimum area of three feet around, in front of, and above the space heater, or an area greater as recommended by the manufacturer will be maintained around the space heater as

clearance from combustibles. Space heaters shall not be used under desks, other furniture, or equipment unless the space requirements are met.

- Portable electric space heaters should not have worn or damaged electrical cords, and the plugs should be in good condition.

13) Building and Safety Codes

- Vendors are required to comply with all building codes, including but not limited to any electrical and fire safety codes.
- All construction within rented spaces must be approved by the Market Manager and must meet applicable building codes.
- Vendors are to remedy any deficiencies in a timely manner reported by any official state, local, or county inspector, a North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Safety Officer, or Market Management. Timeliness shall be determined by the Market Manager.
- Failure to remedy any deficiency in a timely manner can be grounds for immediate removal from the Market.

14) Process and Penalties for Guideline Violations:

- A. 1st Offense - verbal warning.
- B. 2nd Offense - written warning.
- C. 3rd Offense – banned from all use of the market for 30 days.
- D. 4th Offense – banned from all use of the market until January 1st of the following year.
- E. In the event of egregious behavior or food safety violations, a vendor will be placed in a “stop sale” status and selling privileges will be revoked immediately.

2024 PIEDMONT TRIAD FARMERS MARKET RULES**SECTION .0600 - OPERATIONAL RULES****02 NCAC 43L .0601 APPLICABILITY**

(a) The rules contained in this Subchapter are applicable to all facilities operated by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture.

(b) The rules contained in this Subchapter shall apply to the Western North Carolina Horse and Livestock Facility as they relate to the authority of the manager, and conduct by persons using the facility.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-22; 106-530;

Eff. January 1, 1985.

02 NCAC 43L .0602 GENERAL CONTROL

The market manager shall have the general control and supervision of the market, its buildings, streets and alleyways and the adjoining areas, and shall collect all fees and rentals from all renters and users of the market. In all the rules and regulations, the duly authorized agent of the market manager shall have the same authority as the market manager.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-22; 106-530;

Eff. January 1, 1985.

02 NCAC 43L .0603 REQUIRED FEES

All renters and users of the market must pay the required fee or rental of use of said market.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-22; 106-530;

Eff. January 1, 1985.

02 NCAC 43L .0604 DENIAL

The market manager has the authority to deny any person the privilege of operating on the market that, in his judgment, is using methods that are detrimental to attendance at the market or contrary to market policies.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-22; 106-530;

Eff. January 1, 1985.

02 NCAC 43L .0605 REMOVAL

The market manager shall have the authority to order and remove any person from the market who is guilty of any violation of these market regulations, or who may be guilty of violating any ordinances of the city, county or state law, or who shall fail to obey any lawful orders of the market manager.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-22; 106-530;

Eff. January 1, 1985.

02 NCAC 43L .0606 DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

No person shall deface or damage the buildings, pavement, or other physical equipment of the market.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-22; 106-530;

Eff. January 1, 1985.

02 NCAC 43L .0607 PROFANE LANGUAGE

The use of profane, abusive or discourteous language on the market is prohibited and is punishable by expulsion from the market.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-22; 106-530;

Eff. January 1, 1985.

02 NCAC 43L .0608 GAMBLING

The market manager shall have authority to order from the market any person gambling or under the influence of intoxicants or disorderly in conduct.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-22; 106-530;

Eff. January 1, 1985.

02 NCAC 43L .0609 EMPLOYEES

In order to effectuate these Rules of the market, all renters and users of the market are responsible for the actions of their employees.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-22; 106-530;

Eff. January 1, 1985.

02 NCAC 43L .0610 PUBLIC OUTCRY

No person shall make any public outcry, do "hawking" or give any musical or other entertainment for the purpose of drawing customers or to attract attention, or shoot fireworks or firearms at any time.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-22; 106-530;

Eff. January 1, 1985.

02 NCAC 43L .0611 CHURCHES

Churches or other organizations selling food must have permission of the market manager to sell on the market.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-22; 106-530;

Eff. January 1, 1985.

02 NCAC 43L .0612 ADVERTISING

No person shall distribute, scatter about, or post on the market any advertising, signs, pamphlets, cards, and bills, or other printed matter without the consent of the market manager.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-22; 106-530;

Eff. January 1, 1985.

02 NCAC 43L .0613 SANITATION

Any renter or user of space on the market must keep his immediate premises reasonably clean, sanitary, and orderly. Persistent failure to carry out the market manager's orders in this respect shall constitute just and sufficient cause for the revocation of the renter's or user's permit.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-22; 106-530;

Eff. January 1, 1985.

02 NCAC 43L .0614 ABANDONMENT

No buyer, vendor, renter or user or other person shall abandon produce, vehicles or other articles on the market. If such is done the manager may have such item(s) removed from the market at owner's expense or donate to a person who will dispose of such items or articles.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-22; 106-530;

Eff. January 1, 1985.

02 NCAC 43L .0615 HOUSEKEEPING

Housekeeping or homesteading in the market is prohibited.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-22; 106-530;

Eff. January 1, 1985.

02 NCAC 43L .0616 VEHICLES

All vehicles must enter and leave the market area through entrances and exits so marked.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-22; 106-530;

Eff. January 1, 1985.

02 NCAC 43L .0617 SPEED

Every person operating a vehicle on the property of the market shall drive such vehicle in a careful and prudent manner and at a rate of speed so as not to endanger the property of another or do physical harm to any person. All parking signs, speed limit signs and other posted signs shall be observed.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-22; 106-530;

Eff. January 1, 1985.

02 NCAC 43L .0618 MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT

All market leasees, renters or users are required to use all possible care in the operation of mechanical equipment used on the market property.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-22; 106-530;

Eff. January 1, 1985.

02 NCAC 43L .0619 PARKING

The parking of automobiles and other motor vehicles of market tenants and their employees, shall be confined to spaces designated by the manager. Such automobiles shall not be parked on the market pavement where they will obstruct traffic or take up space necessary for the orderly operation of the market business. Vehicles shall not be parked in areas that would be detrimental to grass or landscape arrangements.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-22; 106-530;

Eff. January 1, 1985.

02 NCAC 43L .0620 UNSOUND PRODUCE

No person shall sell produce which is unsound or unwholesome or which fails to meet the standards or requirements of federal, state or local laws and regulations. All North Carolina regulatory laws applying to weights, measures, marking of containers, sanitation or other legal requirements will be obeyed by all market tenants. In no case will produce be offered for sale that contains a total of more than 10 percent decay, shriveling and/or other blemishes.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-22; 106-530;

Eff. January 1, 1985.

02 NCAC 43L .0621 INSPECTIONS

The market manager may make or cause to be made any inspection or inspections which may be necessary and may prohibit the sale of any produce which does not conform to legal and stated market standards.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-22; 106-530;

Eff. January 1, 1985.

02 NCAC 43L .0622 PRICE AGREEMENTS

No buyer or seller on the market shall enter into any price agreement or join any organization for the purpose of raising, lowering, or fixing abnormal or artificial prices of products on the market, or for the purpose of keeping products off the market, and no person shall assist others in any way to accomplish this purpose.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-22; 106-530;

Eff. January 1, 1985.

02 NCAC 43L .0623 DECEPTIVE PRACTICES

Fraudulent, dishonest, and deceptive practices carried on at the market may be punishable by revocation of permit to sell on the market.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-22; 106-530;

Eff. January 1, 1985.

02 NCAC 43L .0624 INSULTS

No vendor shall do any act or use any language which appears to be intended thereby to insult another vendor or shopper or to intimidate a shopper into purchasing the produce which is his.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-22; 106-530;
Eff. January 1, 1985.

02 NCAC 43L .0625 FALSE REPORTS

Persons who circulate false reports tending to upset or destroy the operations of the market or that may cause upset or damage to vendors in loss in prices shall be subject to expulsion from the market.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-22; 106-530;
Eff. January 1, 1985.

02 NCAC 43L .0626 TIPS OR GRATUITIES

The market manager and all other employees of the market shall not engage in the buying or selling of any produce on the market, and shall not receive any tips or gratuities from any buyer or seller on the market.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-22; 106-530;
Eff. January 1, 1985.

02 NCAC 43L .0627 FAIR PRACTICES

Vendors on the market must not approach a buyer for the purpose of making a sale while said buyer is in conversation with another vendor.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-22; 106-530;
Eff. January 1, 1985.

02 NCAC 43L .0628 PILING

Market tenants shall confine the piling and display of produce to the space leased by them.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-22; 106-530;

Eff. January 1, 1985.

02 NCAC 43L .0629 CULLS

The manager may require that all produce sorted out as culls or otherwise considered of no commercial value shall be placed in containers and destroyed or removed from the market premises. The disposition of such product(s) shall be the responsibility of the person or firm in whose possession the product may be.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-22; 106-530;

Eff. January 1, 1985.

02 NCAC 43L .0630 ABANDONED PRODUCE

Abandoned produce and/or containers will be disposed of as follows, 24 hours after the rent has expired:

- (1) Produce. Inspectors will check and donate edible products to charitable institutions;
- (2) Containers. Will be removed and disposed of by market cleaners.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-22; 106-530;

Eff. January 1, 1985.

02 NCAC 43L .0631 CHILDREN

Children under 14 years of age shall not be permitted to roam or wander around the market unless accompanied by an adult who shall be responsible for the conduct of such minor. Wholesalers, retailers, truckers, farmers, and buyers who bring minors to the market with them or allow minors to visit with them shall be responsible for carrying out this provision. The riding of bicycles or other similar devices on the market by minors is strictly forbidden.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-22; 106-530;

Eff. January 1, 1985.

02 NCAC 43L .0632 PETS

Tenants are not permitted to keep animals on the market without permission of market manager.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-22; 106-530;
Eff. January 1, 1985.

02 NCAC 43L .0633 SALAMANDER STOVES

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-22; 106-530;
Eff. January 1, 1985;
Repealed Eff. June 1, 1990.

02 NCAC 43L .0634 HOURS

The manager shall have the authority to set opening and closing hours which are deemed to be in the best interest of market operations and the general public. Changes in hours currently in effect shall be posted in one or more conspicuous places and announced through news media.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-22; 106-530;
Eff. January 1, 1985.

02 NCAC 43L .0635 PAYMENTS

Payments for leases or rentals shall be made in advance. Persons or firms not paying by the 10th of the month for which the rental is due may be charged the maximum legal rate of interest for the amount due.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-22; 106-530;
Eff. January 1, 1985.

02 NCAC 43L .0636 DAMAGE TO MARKET PROPERTY

Persons causing damage to market property shall be financially responsible for the cost of repairs or replacements. Such damage shall include, but not be limited to buildings, grounds, fences, gates, vehicles, and any other property owned and/or operated by the market.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-22; 106-530;

Eff. January 1, 1985.

02 NCAC 43L .0637 SUB-LETTING

The manager may prohibit the sub-letting or renting or leasing of any market facility or space by one tenant to any other person or firm.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-22; 106-530;

Eff. January 1, 1985.

02 NCAC 43L .0638 REMOVAL OF PROPERTY

All tenants or users of the market shall remove any vehicle or item or property upon direction of the market manager.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-22; 106-530;

Eff. January 1, 1985.

02 NCAC 43L .0639 CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS

It is the responsibility of all tenants on the market to satisfy customer complaints. Upon receipt of numerous complaints concerning the same tenant, the market manager may cancel the marketing privileges of the offending tenant.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-22; 106-530;

Eff. January 1, 1985.

02 NCAC 43L .0640 FALSE PACK

No tenant shall use any false pack. As used herein, false pack means the topping or facing of containers with the best products exposed and poor products concealed underneath.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-22; 106-530;

Eff. January 1, 1985.

02 NCAC 43L .0641 ADDITIONAL FACILITIES

No person shall erect any facility upon the market without the approval of the market manager.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-22; 106-530;

Eff. January 1, 1985.

02 NCAC 43L .0642 SIGNS AND PRICE TAGS

All signs and price tags must comply with market regulations.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-22; 106-530;

Eff. January 1, 1985.

02 NCAC 43L .0643 VACATING SPACE

Each trucker, when removing his truck from the assigned space (other than for short deliveries) shall leave the space clean for the next incoming vehicle.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-22; 106-530;

Eff. January 1, 1985.

02 NCAC 43L .0644 DESIGNATING REPRESENTATIVE

If a producer or dealer wishes to designate a person to represent him in his rented space, prior approval shall be obtained from the market manager or his representative.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-22; 106-530;

Eff. January 1, 1985.

02 NCAC 43L .0645 HOLDING SPACE

Holding space by use of parked vehicles, small amount of produce, etc., will not be permitted.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-22; 106-530;

Eff. January 1, 1985.

02 NCAC 43L .0646 STATIONARY VEHICLES

Stationary vehicles designated for storage and/or refrigeration will be permitted only upon approval of the market manager.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-22; 106-530;

Eff. January 1, 1985.

02 NCAC 43L .0647 ELECTRICITY

Only those usages of electricity approved by the market will be permitted.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-22; 106-530;

Eff. January 1, 1985.

02 NCAC 43L .0648 PRODUCE QUALITY

At the discretion of the market manager, low quality produce may be required to be marked "Second Quality Produce".

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-22; 106-530;

Eff. January 1, 1985

02 NCAC 43L .0649 REGULATORY ENFORCEMENT

(a) The market manager may dispossess tenants for failure to abide by the regulations of the State Marketing Authority.

(b) The market manager may cause to be removed from the market any person who fails to abide by the regulations of the State Marketing Authority.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-22; 106-530;

Eff. January 1, 1985.

02 NCAC 43L .0650 LIMITED SPACE

If due to limited space available, the manager may restrict each payee to one space; may require all produce to be kept on trucks and not on pavement.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-22; 106-530;

Eff. January 1, 1985.

02 NCAC 43L .0651 SPUR TRACKS

All leasees having use of spur tracks may be required to keep same free of all foreign matter, including ice from cars, snow, sticks, paper, and other forms of rubbish.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-22; 106-02

Eff. January 1, 1985

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I have received a copy and reviewed the foregoing Guidelines and understand the requirements of the Robert G. Shaw Piedmont Triad Farmers Market. I understand that it is my (Vendor's) responsibility to comply with all rules and requirements, including building and safety codes, and to make timely payments.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Title or Position: _____

Date: _____