



Salem Main Streets – Salem Farmers' Market 2018 Program Guidelines & Vendor Policies

PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Salem Main Streets is looking for local farmers and artisans to participate in the Salem Farmers' Market located in historic downtown Salem, MA at Derby Square, a brick courtyard behind Old Town Hall **Thursdays 3:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.**, June 7 – October 11.

The purpose: To provide fresh, local, produce directly from farmers to residents – “reminiscent of the original Farmers' Market of Essex County”. To help support the local farmers to ensure that agricultural land remains viable and is not displaced by development. To educate residents about healthy eating and provide a wholesome social experience that helps build community.

Deadline for Submission: All applications must be received by March 17, 2018 to Salem Main Streets at 265 Essex Street, Salem, MA 01970. Notifications will be sent out in early April 2018.

VENDOR POLICIES

Applications: Applications must be received by March 17, 2018. New applicants will be contacted to arrange for product samples to be provided for the market selection committee.

Attendance: Vendors are expected to attend every week. The market committee may approve or recommend alternating weeks in certain cases, but these arrangements must be approved in advance of the season. Vendors who miss two weeks in a row will be asked to leave the market.

Fees: Booth space is \$30 for a 10' x 10' spot, \$60 for a 10' x 20' spot, and \$90 for a 10' by 30' spot. If you are accepted, payment for the first 10 weeks will be due in advance of the first market. The remainder will be due at the end of the season. If you have any concerns about being able to pay for 10 weeks up front, please contact us directly. There is a 10% discount for prepayment for the entire season. *Weekly fees are due for missed weeks.*

Tents: Weights for tents are mandatory at each of our markets (at least 40lbs per tent leg).

Product & Price Signage: Each farm and non-farm vendor must post prices for all items for sale. In addition, if the farmer is selling any items he/she did not grow, the farm of origin must be listed. Vendors may label items organic only if they are certified. All products must be grown or produced in New England.

Health/Food Permits: Vendors selling any prepared food product other than whole fruits and vegetables must file a Food Service Permit and receive Salem Health Department approval. All vendors must comply with all state food codes.

Wine: Any vendor interested in selling wine at the market is required to meet local and state licensing requirements.

Rain or Shine: The market will be held “rain or shine” - unless the weather is dangerous (e.g. hurricane).

No Hawking: Business must be conducted from inside the booth. No farm or non-farm vendor may approach attendees outside their booths.

CSA: CSA pick-up at participant's booth is not allowed.

Non-Farm Products: Must be high quality, locally made, take skill and creativity, and the vendor must add at least 75% of the total value to the product. The product(s) must be complementary to a farmers' market. We may restrict the number of vendors selling similar products (for example, we may restrict bakers to 3). Environmental friendliness is strongly preferred.

Bags: As of January 2018, disposable plastic shopping bags with handles and a thickness of 4 mil or less at points of sale are prohibited in the City of Salem. Produce bags, paper bags, and reusable bags thicker than 4 mil are still permitted.

Utilities: Utilities are generally not provided by the Salem Farmers' Market. If you have special concerns or would like to request the use of utilities please highlight this on your application. Water, soap, and paper towels are available in the Public Bathrooms located in the basement of Old Town Hall. A separate hand washing station is located at the Information booth in the market.

Set-up: Set up will begin one hour prior to the market opening. The market opening will be signaled by the ringing of a bell. *No sales before the opening bell.* All vendors are to shut down promptly (within 45 minutes) of the closing of the market. Vendors must take with them all trash, produce, debris, etc.

Parking: Vendors not guaranteed a parking spot at the market and vendors with extra vehicles are responsible for legally parking their vehicles.

Other: The Farmers' Market Committee will select products to complement the market. We will be very careful not to compete with market vendors. Each vendor is assigned a vending spot by the market manager. This spot is not transferrable and vendors must not exceed their allotted spot or relocate without prior written permission.

Exceptions:

Salem Main Streets reserves the right to make exceptions or changes to any of the vendor policies as warranted.