

Jefferson Maryland Farmers, Treasures and Crafts Market
Vendor Rules/Guidelines and Agreement 2021

Eligibility Requirements:

- A. The Jefferson Maryland Farmers Market is a weekly local market that offers fruits, vegetables, plants, herbs, flowers, baked goods, prepared beverages, jellies, jams, honey, prepared foods, handicrafts and/or other products. Items sold at the should be grown, produced, or made locally within the tri-state area.

In partnership with Brunswick High School Safe and Sane, the Farmers Market will be operating at the same time as a joint event. Safe and Sane will be coordinating food trucks to increase foot traffic. Safe and Sane will begin the season earlier and may end later than the Jefferson Farmers Market and if you are a season participant and have paid the season fee, you are welcome to join the Safe and Sane days at no additional cost.

- B. All Vendors must carry insurance for general liability and property damage, as well as product liability coverage, in an amount not less than \$500,000. The policy shall name **Jefferson Maryland Farmers Market and Jefferson Ruritan** both located at 4603 Lander Road, Jefferson, MD 21755 and any other entities, if determined to be necessary, as added insured's, and shall maintain all other coverage as required by law. **A copy of the Certificate of Insurance must be provided with the Agreement to the Jefferson Maryland Farmers Market.** If insurance expires mid-market season, the vendor must provide a copy of the renewed insurance policy at the time of the policy expiration.
- C. If you are a Meat Processor, all the farmers/growers for whom you process foods that will be sold at the Market must carry insurance for general liability and product liability of not less than \$500,000. If you as the Meat Processor are providing insurance coverage for these farmers/growers, a copy of the policy naming those farmers/growers must be provided with your application as proof of insurance coverage.
- D. If you are an egg vendor, please visit Maryland Department of Agriculture site to review the guidelines for selling eggs.
<http://mda.maryland.gov/foodfeedquality/Documents/farmermarketseggs.pdf>
- E. **Vendor Fees** - Vendors are responsible for paying the Market Fees which shall be made payable to the **Jefferson Ruritan** and shall be made at the beginning of the Market and participation.
1. Just once - \$20
 2. For one month (June, July, or August) or for once/month during the season - \$25
 3. 2021 Season Vendor - \$75/season
 4. **2021 Season Vendor Paid by May 1, 2021- \$50/Season**

Definition of a Vendor:

A person who has completed an application, agreed to the market guidelines and been accepted for participation in the Jefferson Maryland Farmers Market.

Adhering to Market Hours:

Vendors may not sell before or after the Market hours, without exception. Market hours are 4:00pm – 7:00pm on Wednesdays. Vendors are asked not to arrive for set-up before 3:00pm. Vendors are expected to be set up by 4:00pm and be gone from the market site by 7:30pm.

Clear Signage:

Vendors shall post clear, legible, and visible signs with the following information:

1. Farm or business name & address
2. Product names & prices

Maintaining Market Eligibility:

1. Comply with sanitary rules and regulations – All vendors must comply with rules and regulations of the Frederick County Health Department and/or any cottage industry guidelines. Vendors shall apply directly to the Frederick County Health Department's Division of Licensure and Regulatory Services for any necessary temporary permit <http://health.frederickcountymd.gov/> Vendors shall be responsible for submitting a copy of the appropriate permit to the Market Manager with their market application. Vendors required to have licenses are expected to post them on market days.
2. Vendor is responsible for any necessary permits and must comply with all required state, county, and national permits and/or regulations for their planned market activity. Noted are regulations and governing agency, however this is NOT an all-encompassing list:
 - a. Scales must be registered with and inspected by the Maryland Department of Agriculture
 - b. Packaged products must comply with the Maryland Packaging and Labeling requirements
 - c. Nursery stock must be from operations in compliance with the Maryland Department of Agriculture's nursery inspection and certification program.
 - d. Vendors selling eggs must be following and in compliance of the Maryland Egg Law's Inspection Program
 - e. Vendors selling honey and bee products must have their colonies registered with the Maryland Department of Agriculture and hold a valid Certificate for Honey Bee Colony Registration.

3. Regular Participation in Market - The Jefferson Maryland Farmers Market will be in operation **May 19– September 8th**, every Wednesday of the month with Market hours of operation will be from **4:00pm - 7:00pm**.

The Jefferson Ruritan hosts a carnival and the Market will relocate the week prior and the week of the carnival. Usually, the Cambridge Farms pavilion is used during those two weeks. We will confirm the space as it gets closer to the Market opening.

4. We will be advertising on-line for the coming Market weekend for the vendors that will be participating. We want our customers to know which vendors will be at the Market each week. Vendors are also encouraged to let the Market Manager know about any new products or information regarding their products they would like to advertise. Please share information about your business and the Jefferson Maryland Farmers Market on your own social media channels.
5. Notice if you will not be participating notice is required by **Sunday** for the coming Wednesday's Market.
6. Repeated absences without notice may result in suspension or expulsion from the Market, with no refunds provided.
7. Vendors are required to maintain their stands in a neat and orderly fashion and be responsible for their appearance. The market will provide tables and benches that are part of the pavilion. We ask you to bring a table covering and it is recommended you have your own chairs for seating. Please bring any display or equipment you will need for display. Market will be held rain or shine since we will be in the covered pavilion located at the Jefferson Ruritan Center.
 - a. Vendors are required to maintain their stands in a safe manner and to make immediate safety changes when directed to do so by the Market Manager or a Jefferson Ruritan Club member.
 - b. Clean up – Vendors shall be responsible for post-market clean-up of their area and space. The space should be left as it was found with neither litter nor organic trash left behind.
 - c. Display Appropriate Conduct – No radios permitted during market hours. Treat other market Vendors, customers and Market staff with respect.
8. Wine Vendors need to send in their signed permits to the State of Maryland Comptroller's Office by the 20th of the month prior to participation at the market.
9. The Market Manager Will Assign Spaces upon Arrival of the Vendors on each Market Day. Vendors are not guaranteed the same exact space for every Market (due to the possibility that the number of vendors selling weekly may fluctuate.) however; we will try to be as consistent as possible.

10. No Smoking in the Market Area.

- 11. CDC regulations will be observed. Social distancing and masks will be required. The Market Manager reserves the right to revise the guidelines at any time as deemed appropriate. Vendors will be notified, in writing, of any changes.**

The Market Manager's decision on these rules and all other matters concerning the Market is final.

Violations:

1. Any complaints against a Vendor are the responsibility of the Market staff and will be investigated. Please submit all complaints in writing to the Market Manager.
2. The Market Manager reserves the right to cancel the approval of any vendor's application at any time if the Market Manager finds said vendor in violation of any of the guidelines and eligibility requirements and no refunds will be issued.

Hold Harmless Clause and Insurance:

1. All authorized vendors participating in the Market shall be individually and severally responsible to Jefferson Ruritan for any loss, personal injury, deaths, and/or any other damage that may occur because of the vendors' negligence or that of cost, damages and other expenses, including attorney's fees, suffered or incurred by Jefferson Ruritan due to the vendor's negligence or that of its servants, agents and employees; provided that the vendors shall not be responsible nor required to indemnify the Jefferson Ruritan for negligence of the Jefferson Ruritan, its servants, agents or employees. You as a vendor or exhibitor, agree to hold harmless the Jefferson Ruritan and Jefferson Maryland Farmers Market from any injury, accidents, or any, and all liability. No insurance is provided by Jefferson Maryland Farmers Market to participants of the market. All producers and exhibitors shall be required to carry their own liability insurance as noted in the Eligibility Requirements above.

Modifications:

The Market Manager reserves the right to revise the guidelines at any time as deemed appropriate. Vendors will be notified, in writing, of any changes.

Jefferson Maryland Farmers Market Agreement 2021

Having read the Jefferson, Maryland Farmers Market Rules and Guidelines, I hereby agree to abide by these rules and guidelines and wish to participate as a vendor for the 2021 market season held on **Wednesdays** from **May 19th to September 8th from 4pm-7pm**. The Market will be held at the Jefferson Ruritan Center located at 4603 Lander Road, Jefferson, MD 21755 in the covered pavilion so the market will operate rain or shine.

- \$20.00 Single Day
- \$25.00 One month (June, July, or August) or once monthly
- \$75.00 2021 Season
- \$50.00 20210 Season paid by May 1, 2021**

Enclosed is my check made payable to [Jefferson Ruritan Club](#) in the amount of \$_____.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Business Name

Address – Street

City, State, Zip

Phone Number

Email Address

Produce(s) / Craft

Mail this form, your check, verification of liability insurance, and copies of all applicable business licenses to:

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