



## **RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR KINGSTON LAKESIDE FARMERS MARKET**

The Kingston Lakeside Farmers Market was initiated by Bethel Presbyterian Church as part of their service as an Earth Care Congregation. This is a service that is provided without a vendor fee or commission. It is established in cooperation with the City of Kingston for the benefit of the vendors and customers; for the enjoyment of locally grown produce, cut flowers and plants, fresh baked breads and goods, quality art created by regional artisans, education opportunities for adults and children, and social interaction among community residents.

1. People interested in selling their produce and /or products must read the market's rules/regulations and agree to comply with their content.
2. Only residents of Tennessee are eligible to sell at the Kingston Lakeside Farmers Market. All items sold must be grown or produced in Tennessee on their farms, their family farm or land that they rent or lease. No produce can be purchased wholesale and resold. No out-of-state or imported produce or products can be sold. Priority will be given to individual farmers. Co-ops and partnerships will be considered separately by the Market Management Team for admission to the market as vendors.
3. All produce must be sold by the vendor, their family or employees on behalf of the **approved** vendor. Please notify the market manager if there is a change in the individual(s) selling their produce.
4. No produce or products can be sold by a vendor that have not been approved by the market manager **and are not in compliance with the safety standards set by the FDA or Department of Agriculture.**
4. Each vendor will receive one delineated space, and if additional space is needed, the vendor should make that request to the Market Manager, who will attempt to honor the request if space is available.
5. All canopies must have weights on all legs or a combination of weights on the two front legs and tied to a vehicle in the back. The suggested individual weight is a minimum of 15 pounds. If the canopies are not secured properly, the Market Manager reserves the right to ask that the canopy be removed.
6. Sales begin at 8:00 AM on market day. Without exception, there can be NO early sales.

7. Items can be pre-bagged if vendors chooses.
8. The Market Management Team and/or Market Manager has the right to visit the vendor's farm to ensure that produce is produced as documented on the application.
9. Vendors are expected to participate in the market during the dates for which they have applied. If they cannot attend as scheduled, the Market Manager should be notified as soon as possible. If a produce vendor does not have produce available this should be discussed with the Market Manager. This is to provide a market that is vibrant and has the vendor participation expected. Vendors who repeatedly arrive late or miss market days may be removed from the roster of vendors at the discretion of the Market Management Team.
10. Vendors must handle and store all items for sale according to state and federal regulations.
11. Vendors selling their produce by weight must use an approved scale that has a current TDA inspection sticker.
12. The Kingston Lakeside Farmers Market allows the sale of jams, jellies and preserves, and dried baking, or spice blends **as long as the main ingredient is grown by the vendor.**

13. Vendors selling “**non-potentially hazardous food**” (e.g., non-potentially hazardous food means jams, jellies, candy, dried mixes and other foods that do not meet the definition of potentially hazardous.)

Labeling must comply the TN Code Annotated 53-8-117 (d) and s should include the following: The name and address of the person that made the food product, the common or usual name of the product, the date on which the product was packaged, the net quantity of the food product, the statement “This product was made in a private home, not licensed or inspected.” A list of the ingredients in descending order of prominence of weight. Clearly label the eight major food allergens which are: milk, eggs, soybeans, wheat, peanuts, tree nuts, fish, crustacean shellfish. The list should include the common names of the ingredients.

“**Potentially hazardous Food**” means any food that consists in whole or in part of milk or milk products, eggs, meat, poultry, fish, shellfish, edible crustaceans, or other ingredients which is in a form capable of supporting rapid and progressive growth of infectious or toxigenic microorganisms.

Home-canned foods, other than jams and jellies, or any food that requires temperature control for safety is considered potentially hazardous. **It is the responsibility of the individual selling canned produce to be aware of the pH and water content of their items and know that they have been canned by the appropriate method.**

Food items containing ingredients like milk and eggs that are baked and do not require

temperature control to remain safe are not potentially hazardous foods.

14. Baked goods and coffees are exempt from the growing requirements of ingredients.

15. The prices of all items must be clearly posted with the designation of pound, container, package, or bunch.

16. The safety of our customers is a priority. Therefore no signs can be posted in the walkway or hanging from the canopy at eye level. It is important that walkways be clear in order for emergency personnel and vehicles to enter the market area if needed.

17. Sellers must leave their space clean at the time of departure.

18. All complaints or grievances should be directed to the Market Management Team.

19. Vendors that do not comply with the rules of the market will be subject to the following actions:

- Verbal Warning
- Written Warning
- Suspension of participation in the market for a length of time determined by the Market Management Team

20. The liability insurance policy of Bethel Presbyterian Church or the City of Kingston does not extend to coverage to personal or product liability of the seller. Such insurance is the responsibility of the participating vendor. It is suggested that sellers speak with their insurance agents in order to obtain such coverage.

Signature : \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_