



## 2025 Rules of the Market

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**I. PURPOSE:** The Camas Farmer's Market (the Market) is a non-profit corporation, exempt from taxation under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Camas Farmer's Market operates in partnership with the City of Camas, but is a separate legal entity governed by an independent Board of Directors. Rules of the Market (Rules) govern the activities of the Market.

### **II. MARKET HOURS AND DATES:**

**A. MARKET SEASON:** The 2025 season will start **June 4th** and will end **October 1st**.

**B. MARKET HOURS:** The Market will be open to the public on Wednesdays, from **3:00 p.m.** until **7:00 p.m.**

**C. MARKET LOCATION:** The site of the Camas Farmers Market will be in Historic Downtown Camas at 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue between the cross streets of Everett and Franklin. Everett and Franklin streets will remain open to traffic. Parts of Franklin may also be utilized during special event days.

### **III. PUTTING THE FARMER BACK INTO FARMER'S MARKET**

#### **A. PRODUCTS SOLD AT THE CAMAS FARMER'S MARKET**

1. The goal of the Market is to provide an opportunity for farmers to directly sell their farm products and to provide fresh, local food to consumers.
2. Permits to sell and stall assignments will be made based on the Market's need to balance available produce with a diverse selection for consumers. No Vendor shall sell any commercial, imported or secondhand items. *Franchises are not allowed.*
3. The Market and vendors will adhere to the membership requirements of the Washington State Farmers Market Association (WSFMA). The Market will adhere to the WSFMA Vendor categories and definitions found below.

## **B. VENDOR APPLICATIONS:**

1. All applications will be reviewed only after the application fee has been paid. The application fee is \$25 single booth farmers, \$45 for double booth farmers, and \$35 for all other vendors.
2. Returning Vendors are required to apply each year, and must be approved by the CFM Board. Returning Vendors must submit a yearly application with payment by April 1st, 2024, in order to be eligible for the same space from the previous season. Applications must include participation dates as well as all types of products being brought to Market and must be completely filled out. Applications submitted by Vendors after the due date will be considered in the order in which they are received. The fee will increase to \$45 for applications received after 5/30/2025.
3. The Market reserves the right to make the final approval of all applications and products to be sold by Vendors and to impose any additional conditions it reasonably believes are needed to ensure availability of space; to meet product mix requirements; to meet requirements imposed on it by outside governing or regulatory entities. Priority will be given to value added products that are the result of agricultural operations.
4. Only approved Vendors can sell at the Market.
5. The Market may determine in its best judgment that category limits are appropriate in the future to prevent a material adverse effect on the Market, its members or the public. Material adverse effects may include such factors as the effect of oversupply on price or any product, an imbalance in the nature, type or selection of Vendors, or other factors that the Board reasonably believes will harm the Market.
6. On occasion, to attract particular types of products not otherwise available in sufficient quantities at the Market, the Market may allow resale of produce not grown by the Vendor. Resale produce must be clearly marked as such and approved in advance by the Vendor Liaison/Site Manager. Resold products must be purchased locally, directly from another farm/producer in Washington State or other bordering Oregon counties on the Columbia River. (See C3. for more information about Resellers)

## **C. VENDOR CATEGORIES:**

### **1. Farmers**

One who raises the produce, plants or animals, or honey which they sell at the Market on land they own or lease/rent in the state of Washington, or surrounding counties. This is meant to exclude those who might work on or manage a corporately owned farm and have permission to dispose of surplus product. It may include someone who processes produce grown on their own property into a value added product such as jams, cider, salsa, soaps or alcoholic beverages\*. It may also include farmers who raise the basic ingredient(s) of a product, but who must send it out for fundamental processing before creating the value added product. Such vendors might include those

farmers selling mint oils, emu oils, smoked meat or fish, etc. (\*Alcoholic beverages must be made entirely from ingredients grown by the producer, except for certain additives required for processing, but which cannot be produced by the grower, not amounting to more than 5% of the total volume of the beverage.)

## **2. Processors**

One who sells processed foods they have personally prepared on their own or leased/rented property. Processors are persons or entities offering fresh food products (such as meats, seafood, ciders, baked goods, jams, etc.) that have added value to their product through some sort of “hands-on” processing (e.g., hand filleted fish, smoked or butcher meats, handmade candies, etc.). All processors must meet all federal, state, county and local health requirements. All appropriate permits and licenses shall be displayed whenever a processor is selling at a WSFMA member market. Processors must produce their products in Washington\* or in surrounding counties. Processed food products should use ingredients from Washington\* farms or waters as much as possible, and WSFMA member markets should give stall preference to processors using ingredients from Washington farms or waters. Alcoholic beverages must be made entirely from ingredients grown in Washington, or from grapes grown in a recognized Washington appellation, except for certain additives required for processing, but which cannot be produced in the state of Washington, not amounting to more than 5% of the total volume of the beverage. (\*In the case of Seafood Vendors, product must originate from the greater Pacific Northwest, which includes Washington, Oregon, Alaska and British Columbia.)

## **3. Resellers:**

One who buys produce from farmers in Washington State and counties that border Washington, trucks it to a WSFMA member farmers market, and resells it directly to the consumer. The reseller is expected to be the only stop between the grower and the consumer. They are not expected to deal with shippers, warehousemen or jobbers. They must not sell any produce not grown in Washington and its surrounding counties. They may sell any produce they grow themselves on their own property (see: Farmers). Resellers are sellers of crops that cannot be grown reliably, or offered for sale in sufficient quantity, by farmers selling at a given WSFMA member market, as determined by the individual WSFMA member market’s governing body. Resellers must have crops pre-approved by the Market governing body before delivering the crops to market for sale. Approved resold crops must be specifically limited, so as not to compete with the crops of farmers within the geographic Vendor boundaries of the WSFMA member market, as defined by the market’s policies and by-laws. Resellers must label their products as being resold\*, and information must be available for the consumer as to which farms produced those products. (\*other terms synonymous with “resold” may be substituted.)

#### **4. Concessionaires**

Prepared Food Vendors offer freshly made foods, available for sale and immediate consumption on-site at WSFMA member markets. Prepared Food Vendors shall possess and maintain all required state, county and local permits. Prepared Food Vendors should use ingredients produced in Washington as much as possible. When selecting Prepared Food Vendors, WSFMA member markets are encouraged to provide a good variety of healthy foods, and to give preference to Vendors using ingredients produced in Washington.

#### **D. VENDOR REQUIREMENTS**

1. Vendor Residence and Place of Production Requirements: All Vendors must reside and produce in the state of Washington, or Oregon counties that border the Columbia River.
2. The Market reserves the right to make exceptions to the above residence and place of production requirements to give precedence to those applicants whose product or presentation is of exceptional and consistent quality and is of particular value in enriching the general mix of products at the Market.

#### **E. PRODUCT REQUIREMENTS**

1. Only handmade, homemade or homegrown edible or topical products, grown or harvested by the Vendor, can be sold at the Market.
2. Styrofoam containers are not to be used in the Camas Farmer's Market.
3. Products containing THC or CBD are not permitted for sale at the Market.
4. Market reserves the right to prohibit anyone from selling or prohibiting any product from being sold and is not responsible for loss or property damage.

**F. VENDOR AND PRODUCT DIVERSITY:** In order to maintain a sustainable Market for the Vendors and the public, the Market will strive for the following mix of categories:

1. Farmers
2. Processors - jams, jellies, vinegar and other food
3. Processors - bread, pastries and other baked goods
4. Concessionaires - freshly prepared foods
5. Community / Non-profit Groups – community / non-profit groups as space is available.
6. Crafters will not be allowed. Crafters are encouraged to contact other Farmer's Markets in the region.

#### **G. VENDOR LICENSING AND INSURANCE**

1. Each Vendor is responsible for obtaining and maintaining all current relevant city, county, state and federal permits and licenses (may include food handler's and health permits, seller's permit from the State Board of Equalization, a tax ID#, and

others when applicable). Please consult the City of Camas, Clark County, Washington Department Of Licensing or Washington State Department of Agriculture websites. License numbers and/or copies of current licenses and permits must be provided by the Vendor on the market application.

2. UBI Numbers: The Washington State Department of Revenue requires the market to verify that its vendors are registered to do business in the state of Washington. Unless a Vendor is exempt by law, he or she must supply the Market with a Washington UBI number at the time of application. Applications submitted by Concessionaires or Processors without a UBI number will not be considered.
3. Concessionaires: Prior to selling at the Market, Concessionaires must show appropriate Health Department certification to the Market Manager. You should send a copy of your Clark County Public Health permit in with your application fee. Concessionaires must display copies of their licenses in their booths in public view during Market hours. All Concessionaire trailers must comply with Clark County Health Department regulations.
4. Vendors selling Nursery Items: Vegetable starts, bedding and landscape plants and flowers (live or cut) must be propagated by the Vendor from seed, cuttings, bulbs, plugs or plant divisions.
5. Vendors offering samples: Vendors wishing to offer samples must contact the Market Manager and may need to submit an application to the Clark County Health Department.
6. Liability Insurance: All Vendors are to obtain general liability insurance. **The insurance policy is to name the Camas Farmer's Market an Additional Insured.** Concessionaires are required to have Product Liability insurance and General Liability Insurance and furnish a copy of Certificate of Insurance to Camas Farmers Market at least one week prior to vending at the market. Food Processors are strongly encouraged to have liability insurance.

## H. Token Programs

1. CFM has a token program for EBT/SNAP (food stamp), SNAP Match and Produce Pals. For consistency in the program and clarity for the market customer, the Board requires that all vendors participate in the program by accepting EBT, SNAP Match and Produce Pals tokens as payment (as applicable). Produce Pals tokens are to be accepted by farmers only.
2. Tokens: The market will sell tokens to customers (\$1 tokens for EBT/SNAP Match customers; \$2 tokens given for Produce Pals [**children only – See H.5., below**]). The customers will use these tokens to purchase your products. Some old \$5 green credit/debit tokens may still be in circulation and must be accepted by vendors. At the end of the day, vendors will count the tokens and place them in an envelope provided by the market staff. Tokens cannot be used in payment of booth fees.  
NOTE: **End-of-the-Year requirements** – Tokens must be returned by the last day of

the Market to be redeemed.

### 3. Food Stamp Benefits (SNAP-EBT)

- a) CAN be used to buy: Fruits, vegetables, eggs, meats, fish, poultry, dairy products, seeds and plants intended for growing food.
- b) CANNOT be used to buy: Non-food items, Ready to eat foods or hot foods.
- c) Vendors may NOT set a minimum purchase requirement.

4. CFM has an educational activity called **Produce Pals** that provides \$2 tokens to children who have completed a hands-on food-related activity. The \$2 tokens are for fresh fruits and vegetables only. Farm vendors are strongly encouraged to provide a \$2-sized portion for sale, *that is only available to children*. Farmer vendors are asked to accept the tokens **only** from the child – ***please not from adults***. This develops understanding of food value to children as well as a direct relationship with the farmer.

5. NO cash may be given as change for EBT or Produce Pals tokens.

## IV. MARKET FACILITIES

### A. STALL ASSIGNMENTS

- 1. Stall assignments will be made trying to balance the needs of the Market (supplying customers with a complete, competitive selection of produce available in season) with the needs of farmers.
- 2. It is the intent of the Market to give first priority to returning Vendors and Vendors that commit to attend a majority of the Market days in a season.
- 3. In the event of a dispute over stall assignments that cannot be resolved using seniority records and the guidelines listed above, the Market will resolve the conflict based on the best interest of the overall Market.

### B. PAYMENTS AND FEES

- 1. The Camas Farmer's Market is a cashless organization. All Vendors are required to authorize direct credit/debit for all stall fees and token payments during the market season including stall fees, and token reimbursement. An email will be sent by the CFM's bank each time a booth fee is drawn or a reimbursement is made. This email will serve as a receipt of the withdrawal/deposit. No additional receipts will be given. Booth fees and token reimbursement will be made within the week following the previous week's Market attendance day.
- 2. The annual application fees are \$25 for a single-stall Farmer; \$45 for a double-stall Farmer; \$35 for Processors and Prepared Foods. The application fee for all vendors is \$45 after May 31, 2024. Application fees may be paid by check or online via PayPal. Checks returned for Insufficient Funds shall be subject to a \$35 charge.
- 3. Stall fees apply to each 10 x 10 stall for each Market day.

- a) 10 x 10 Farm Products = stall fees are \$35.
- b) Farm Product Double Stall = stall fees are \$55
- c) Processed Products = stall fees are \$40.
- d) 10 x 10 Concessionaires = stall fees are \$40.
- e) Concessionaire Double Stall = stall fees are \$60.
- f) Any vendor requiring electricity shall pay an additional \$5 per Market day.

### 3. Advance Stall Fee Payment Discount.

Advance Stall Fee Payments must be paid by check. Checks returned for Insufficient Funds shall be subject to a \$35 charge. Camas Farmer's Market will not issue any refunds for Market cancellation beyond their control, including inclement weather, acts of God, etc. If canceled markets occur, vendors that have paid for the entire season in advance are eligible for a market day credit that can be applied during the 2026 season. If the market is open, even for limited hours, this credit is not available. Discounts do not apply to electricity fees.

- a) Vendors that pay for the entire season in full prior to or at the first day of market shall be entitled to a 20% discount.
  - b) Vendors that pay for a minimum of 10 weeks in full prior to or at the first day of they attend the market shall be entitled to a 10% discount.
4. All Vendors are required to provide the Tokens Manager their gross sales figures and their stall fees for that Market day after the Market closes and before take down begins. ***This information is for internal Market use only to track sales trends.*** Each vendor is responsible for delivering their market envelope to the Accounts Manager at the Information Booth.
  5. The end-of-market-day google form must be submitted at the end of each market. Having accurate sales figures helps us manage the market. ***Please report accurate sales figures.***
  6. Any fees from incorrect banking information will be charged to the Vendor. Stall fees are non-refundable. The market will work with the vendor for no more than two weeks to ensure a successful electronic banking system. If the withdraws/payments cannot be successfully transferred within two weeks, the vendor will be asked to pay for the rest of the season in full, via PayPal.
  7. Checks returned for Insufficient Funds shall be subject to a \$35 charge.

**C. Electricity:** All electrical equipment must be pre-approved by the Market Manager. Vendors requiring electrical power are responsible for providing their own outdoor extension cords and mats to cover any portion of the cord that lies in any area utilized by market customers. The Market cannot guarantee electricity to its Vendors. **All cords must be 14 Gauge, not longer than 50'. No more than two cords per vendor**

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**D. Parking:** Free all day street parking is available within two blocks of the Camas Farmer's Market. Vendors will be provided with a PDF map showing the different parking areas throughout Downtown Camas. Parking code in Downtown Camas is strictly enforced.

**E. FINES:**

**1. Failure to Attend:** If a Vendor does not arrive by 2:15 PM on the day of the market, OR fails to notify the Market Manager by 9:00PM on the Monday prior to the market day that they will not attend a scheduled Market, the following fines apply:

- a) 1st occurrence - warning, no fine
- b) 2nd occurrence – Equivalent Stall Fee
- c) 3rd occurrence - Equivalent Stall Fee and referral to the Board

**V. VENDOR RESPONSIBILITIES:**

**A. Credit/Debit Card Processing:** Vendors are required to take credit/debit card payments at their booth. They are responsible for providing and managing their own credit/debit card payment processing system.

**B. Vendor Etiquette:** Vendors will be neat, suitably dressed, and deal with the public and fellow Vendors in a courteous and appropriate manner. Hate language and/or symbols or insignia in verbal or written form are not permitted. Open-Carry firearms are not permitted by Camas Farmer's Market Vendors, Volunteers, or Staff. The Market reserves the right to ask any vendor, or their staff, to leave immediately, should they behave in a manner unbecoming to the Market.

**C. Children:** The Camas Farmer's Market cannot be held responsible for the safety or supervision of Vendors' children. Accompanying children should be under the Vendor's supervision at all times. Children causing disruptions in or around the market will be asked to return to their supervising adult. Frequent disruptions may lead to further action (see **VIII. ENFORCEMENT AND DISPUTES**)

**D. Tables, Awnings, Tents, Tent Weights And Umbrellas:**

- 1. All Tables, awnings, tents, tent weights and umbrellas are the responsibility of the Vendor. The Market does not provide these items.
- 2. All Vendors who wish to erect canopies (including umbrellas) on the Market site during the normal period of operations, including during set up and break down, are required to have their canopies anchored to the ground from the time their canopy is put up to the time it is taken down, in accordance with the rules of the WSFMA. Canopies are to have straight vertical legs and be commercial quality. White tents are recommended, but not required as of 2024. Flags are not allowed. **An anchor shall consist of a weight equal to or greater than 25 lbs at each of the 4 corners of a canopy and securely tied to it. [A good resource for canopy weights is [canopiesbyfred.com](http://canopiesbyfred.com).]**
- 3. Canopies without weights must be removed.



4. For canopy safety guidance, please refer to:

<http://asapconnections.org/downloads/canopy-safety-101.pdf>

5. **In the event of an accident caused by a poorly anchored canopy, the vendor shall be responsible to pay CFM's insurance deductible of \$1,000.**

**E. Signs:** Each booth space must display a sign identifying the farm or business by name and location. Produce and other market products should be clearly marked with price.

#### **F. Market Day**

1. A vendor arriving after an unexcused absence must pay for two days: the current Market Day and for the day they missed.
2. Arrival Procedure: Market hours will be from 3:00PM to 7:00PM. Arrival and setup time will be 12PM to 2PM. No vehicles may enter after 2PM. All Vendors will be ready for business by 3:00PM.
3. Early takedown and departure before closing time will not be allowed, except at the discretion of the Market Manager, and only when doing so can be done in a safe manner.
4. All Vendors may begin breaking down no sooner than 7:00PM and must vacate the site by 8:30PM.

#### **G. Inclement Weather Conditions**

1. The Market may be canceled in cases of inclement weather, air quality, or other circumstances out of our control. It is up to the market board's discretion whether to cancel the market for weather related reasons for safety.
2. For temperatures predicted at 95-99 degrees, a modified Market will take place, without childrens activities, entertainment, or market seating. The market will remain open under a limited capacity at a predicted 95-100 degrees. For days over 100 degrees, the market may choose to remain open if at least 6 vendors are committed to setting up. Hours for markets over 100 degrees may be reduced.
3. These decisions will be made and announced based on the latest information available on the Monday evening prior to the market.

**H. Maintenance of Space:** Vendors are responsible for keeping their space attractive and free of trash during the market hours. **Vendors are responsible for removing all trash and debris at the close of business.** Vendors may not dispose in Market trash bins any trash not generated at the Market.

**I. Site Management:** During market hours, the Market Manager will direct set-up, and decide any immediate issues affecting the overall market.

**J. Smoking and Alcoholic Beverages:** Vendors may not smoke or vape on the Market premises. Vendors may not be under the influence of alcohol or drugs during Market hours, nor have any drugs or personal use alcohol on the Market premises.

**VI. FARM INSPECTIONS:** All farms are subject to inspection by the Market to ensure compliance with product guidelines.

**VII. SELLING OF ANIMALS:** No live animals may be sold or given away at the Market. Animals may be marketed and offered for sale; however, all transactions must occur at the seller's domain.

**VIII. ENFORCEMENT AND DISPUTES:**

- A.** The Site Manager, Board Member or designee, who has ultimate on-site authority, enforces all rules of the Market. Complaints or problems should be directed to the Site Manager in a manner that is not disruptive to the Market. Before action is taken, Vendors may be asked to put complaints in writing. If a Vendor does not abide by the rules of Market, the Site Manager or his / her designee may take action deemed appropriate, including assessing fines or barring the Vendor from selling at the Market for that day and any future market days. A Vendor may appeal any decision of the Site Manager concerning violation of these rules. An appeal must be presented in writing to the Camas Farmers Market Board. A decision by the Board shall constitute a final decision of any appeal. The Market reserves the right to make exception to these rules at its discretion.
- B.** A Vendor may appeal any decision of the Market Manager within two weeks of the Site Manager's actions. An appeal must be presented in writing to the Board at the Market mailing address. A Vendor may also file a formal complaint with the Board in writing to the Market mailing address.

**IX. NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY:** The Market opposes discrimination of any kind and expects each member or Vendor to take appropriate steps to avoid and prevent all types of harassment or discrimination, including that based on race, color, creed, sex, religion, sexual orientation, age, or nationality.