

2022 HOWARD CITY FARMER'S MARKET

Purpose and Regulation:

Most people view a Farmer's Market as a place to buy locally produced foods from small-scale farmers, gardeners, and cooks who offer fresh, high-quality products. The intent of this market is to live up to those expectations by promoting the sale of locally-produced food items, and to give small businesses an opportunity to easily sell their products.

All state regulations and restrictions apply.

Rules:

1. Only goods that the vendor has produced are allowed for sale. (Can be waived for licensed food vendors selling snacks and refreshments.)
2. Resale or buying wholesale good to sell is not allowed. (In the instance of a vendor not being able to make a particular market day, another vendor selling their goods for them does not constitute resale.)
3. Non-craft vendors may have no more than 25% of their offering be non-food items.
4. Craft vendors will be limited to not more than 25% of total vendors except at special events.
5. Prospective vendors must receive permission and be placed on the Official Vendor List before selling goods at Market.
6. Any deceitful actions or intentionally misleading customers can result in being banned from the market.
7. The Market Coordinator reports to the Village and has the authority to dismiss or accept any vendors.
8. Being a jerk can get you kicked out. Don't be a jerk.
9. These rules are amendable by the Market Coordinator, and all serious complaints will be taken into consideration.
10. All state food regulations apply. If you have any questions, ask or do some research.

Market Categories:

- General Produce
- Specialty Produce (including cut flowers)
- Live Plants (license needed for perennials)
- Meats (special regulations apply, get market permission first)
- Eggs (Must be clean and kept cool)
- Baked Goods (anything that does not require heat or refrigeration to stay safe)
- Value Added Products (balms, dried herbs, preserves, etc. Food products subject to Cottage Food Law)
- Crafts (very limited space)

The focus is on produce and cottage foods, but there is some space for craters. Please reply as soon as possible with exactly what you plan to market and any other products you could sell so we can have a successful and diverse market. The market dates will be Saturday afternoons, 11 am – 4 pm, from June through September at the Northeast corner of Ensley and Shaw Street.

Market Coordinator Information: Jordy Buck, 616-255-4980 (texting preferred) or cairstonefarm@gmail.com