

## **Lyndon Farmers' Market Summer Rules**

### **1. Mission Statement**

The goal of the Lyndon Farmers' Market is to provide a sales outlet for Vermont farmers and craftspeople, and an opportunity for local people and visitors to obtain fresh produce, baked goods, other farm products, and various handcrafts in congenial and pleasant surroundings.

These rules are a detailed listing of how the market operates. Adhering to the rules makes for a smooth running market. Rules may be made or changed at any regular (or special) membership meeting only by a majority vote of a quorum of the membership.

### **2. Schedule**

- The Lyndon Farmers' Market is held at Bandstand Park every Friday from late May through mid October.
- Normally the Market opens at 3:00 pm and ends at 7:00 pm.

### **3. Vendor Space**

- Vendors will be placed in vacant spots according to seniority of participation. Vendors who commit to a full season will be assigned a permanent space. Others will be assigned as space and advance-warning time allows.
- Vendors must pay \$5.00 for each additional space requested.

### **4. Vendor Definitions**

- All members must be Northeast Kingdom residents. Applications from vendors outside the Northeast Kingdom will be considered on an individual basis.
- Non-profit organizations are welcome to participate but are limited to non-partisan and non-religious groups.

### **5. Vendor Expectations and Responsibilities**

- All vendors are expected to participate in the Market in the spirit of cooperation.
- All vendors are required to pay an annual membership fee of \$10.00. A 5% commission of the vendor's daily total sales or \$5.00, whichever is greater, will be collected at the end of each market by the market manager. Vendors with taxable items pay the daily commission on net sales.
- Products for sale must be grown, made, or baked by the vendor, a member of his immediate family, or the vendor's employee, using ingredients from local Vermont farms and businesses.
- The board reserves the right to prohibit sales or activities it deems incompatible with the Market Mission and Objectives.
- The board reserves the right to limit the number of vendors of any given product. Decisions will be made by the board on a case-by-case basis.
- Vendors shall comply with all the rules and regulations of the State of Vermont relating to the products they sell (including but not limited to: State ID Tax #, licenses, sales tax, labeling, handling, and processing laws, etc.). The Lyndon

Farmers' Market Association is not responsible for individual vendors who fail to adhere to these rules and regulations.

For example: legal for trade scales that can be certified by the Agency of Agriculture are required for all vendors who sell products by weight.

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- Vendors are expected to be set up and ready for business by 3:00 pm.
- After unloading, vehicles must be moved to the Municipal parking lot to allow other vendors to unload and set up and to provide customer parking.
- To be fair to all, sales before 3:00 pm. are discouraged.
- Vendors are expected to remain until the market closes at 7:00 pm.
- Members are responsible for cleaning their space at the end of each market. All vendor-generated trash must be properly disposed of or taken home by that vendor.
- If you cannot be at the market on a given day, please notify Brian Titus by 9:00 pm Wednesday. His phone number is (802) 533-7455.
- Vendors are encouraged to carry their own liability insurance. Neither product liability for individual vendors nor liability for personal damages caused by your market display is covered by the Lyndon Farmers' Market Association.
- There is no smoking or alcohol permitted at the market.
- Vendors may not bring pets.

All vendors are expected to know and follow the rules of the Market. Non-compliance will result in a written warning. Continued non-compliance will result in expulsion from the Market.