

Rules and Regulations

Exhibit "A"

Introduction

VENDOR agrees to strict adherence to the MARKET Rules and Regulations, as promulgated through the Rehoboth Agricultural Commission and approved by the Rehoboth Board of Selectmen. All changes, revisions, or exceptions to the Rules and Regulations must be approved by the Rehoboth Agricultural Commission and the Rehoboth Board of Selectmen. The Market Manager does not have the unilateral authority to make changes, revisions, or exceptions to the established Rules and Regulations.

VENDOR must contact the Rehoboth Board of Health (508.252.3099) to receive authorization to offer their specific products for sale to the public. A copy of the approved products list must be provided to the Market Manager prior to the first day of the market. Any additions to the approved product list must first be approved by the Rehoboth Board of Health and a copy of the amended list provided to the Market Manager before said products can be offered for sale to the public.

VENDOR acknowledges this Agreement may be terminated if it is determined the VENDOR has failed to comply with the MARKET Rules and Regulations, or if the actions, practices, or behavior of the VENDOR, its employees, contactors, or agents are inconsistent with the intended purposes of the MARKET. Such termination may include immediate vacating of the MARKET, without reimbursement for any fees paid to the MARKET. VENDOR has the right to appeal decisions made by the Market Manager by contacting the Chairperson of the Agricultural Commission. VENDOR may appeal a decision of the Agricultural Commission by contacting the Rehoboth Board of Selectman (508.252.3758)

Fresh Produce, Honey, Maple Syrup, Eggs, Meat, and Flowers

Over the course of the farmers' market season, at least 80% of products sold must be grown on the VENDOR's farm. 100% must be sourced from farms in MA or RI. We require the display of the farm and state of origins of supplied farms. Rehoboth Farmers Market (RFM) reserves the right to request MDAR to inspect participating farms. The RFM reserves the right to inspect farms to verify production claims. By participating in the RFM you hereby consent to such inspections. The RFM reserves the right to suspend or terminate any participating farms for violation of or non-compliance with the RFM rules and quality measures.

Product Insurance & Licensing

Vendors agrees to maintain product liability insurance (minimum \$500,000 per occurrence; \$1,000,000 aggregate) and all appropriate licensing and permits required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Rehoboth Board of Health, and/or the respective Departments of Public Safety. A copy of the insurance certificate and appropriate license/permits must be submitted to the Market Manager prior to the first day of the market.

Product Labeling

All product labeling shall be consistent with regulating bodies.

Participation Fee

A participation fee is due each season at time of application. See the Rehoboth Farmer's Market Application for the current year's fee schedule.

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Attendance

Market attendance must be consistent. Absences must be based on seasonality of crops or produce. Prior notice of market absence is required. No refunds are provided for early drop-out from markets.

Criteria We Consider

In evaluating applications, the Ag Comm consider many criteria, including: product diversity for any individual market, balance of farms to processed goods; whether an applicant is a locally owned small business; extent of local ingredients used in value-added and prepared foods; sustainable business practices; distance of production from market; previous involvement with our markets; and whether the applicant has access to other retail markets.

Location/Hours

- The Senior Center is located at 55 Bay State Rd. in Rehoboth, just to the right of the old Anawan School.
- RFM will operate on Sundays from 10am - 2pm starting approx Fathers Day weekend to Columbus Day weekend. Please see application for this year's dates.

RFM Application

All RFM Vendors must have a completed application along with the Seasonal or per diem fee for each market date for which they indicate on their application, check made payable to the "Town of Rehoboth" with the memo "Ag-Comm revolving fund"

- All fees are due upon submission of the market application. All fees are non-refundable once a Vendor is approved. No stall is considered reserved until payment for it has been received in full by the RFM.
- Each vendor is entitled to one space in the market to which they are assigned by the market manager. Many RFM Vendors will be allowed a parking space behind their assigned space. A few spots will not have parking.

Inclement Weather

The RFM will be open every Sunday rain or shine. Vendors are expected to attend every market that they commit to on their application form. Cancellation of a market due to severe weather is decided solely by the Market Manager. Vendors shall be notified via email or phone prior to market set-up time. No refunds will be given.

Vendor Responsibilities

All RFM Vendors should act in a professional and responsible manner.

- Any violation of any local, state or federal laws or applicable government regulation in connection with the production or marketing of the members' produce or goods is prohibited.
- Loud yelling or hawking is not permitted.
- Tents or canopies must be weighed down with approximately 30 lbs weights per leg.
- Vendors are expected to have their assigned space in "broom clean" condition prior to leaving the market and remove all trash and organic materials off the premises. Damage to the sod made by tent stakes must be tamped down and cleaned up.

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- The Market Manager or designee may request a RFM Vendor to change a display if it is deemed unsafe.

Market Operations

- The Market Manager or designee shall manage normal market operations including parking, collecting fees, scheduling, enforcing rules and settling most disputes arising from problems or disagreements. Upon completion of the market for the season a report will be made to the Agricultural Commission.
- Late arriving vendors may not be able to set up due to safety and traffic disruptions; late setups will be allowed at the discretion of the Market Manager. RFM vendor must have a completed display 15 minutes prior to the start of the market.
- There will be no selling permitted prior to the official opening time of the market, unless there is a unique circumstance and special permission has been granted by the Market Manager.
- Vendors may not break their displays down prior to end time beyond reasonable subtractions in order to maintain appealing display following sale of products. No vendor shall be allowed to leave the market prior to the marked end time.
- Notification of a planned absence at a market should be made to the Market Manager by 8 am on the market day.
- Spaces at all markets shall be assigned on the basis of RFM application and space available. Market Manager will determine the location of the vendors. Spaces at the market will be determined by the following priorities and in this order: Returning members fill in the first spaces; new requests from returning members; new RFM Vendors, and nonprofits.

I have reviewed and agree to the foregoing Rehoboth Farmers' Market Rules and Regulations and have been provided a copy for my reference and safekeeping.

Name (Print): _____

Name (Signature): _____

Date: _____