



Silver City Farmers Market General Rules 2018

The following rules are derived from a standard set drafted by the Federation of Massachusetts Farmers Markets (FMFM), changed to fit our specific situation in Taunton. The intent of these rules is to maintain a secure structure for the Market in order for the participating farmers to operate in the best possible fashion. Vendors shall comply with all local, state and federal laws and regulations.

1. Location:

- Taunton Green, 44 Taunton Green, Taunton, MA 02780:

2. Dates and Hours of Operation 2018 Season:

- Thursdays, July 12-October 11, 2018; 3p-6p

3. Registration: All farmers and prepared food vendors are required to register and join the Farmers Market by the registration deadline.

4. Spaces: Will be assigned by the Market Manager in consultation with the farmers, prepared food vendors based upon tradition, balance and fairness.

5. Weekly fees: Weekly fees will be determined by the size of space used and number of weeks.

6. Products: All produce, plants, flowers, eggs, honey, cider, cheese, etc., must be grown and/or produced by the farmers of the Market. Exception: farmers may bring in produce from a local New England farm as long as it is labeled as such. Ideally, produce will be grown organically or using Integrated Pest Management. It will be free of genetically modified organisms (GMO's).

7. Quality: All produce should be of top or grade A quality; seconds or "canners" may be offered; but must be labeled as such. The Market Manager has the right to ban any inferior products from the Market. No warrantee, however, expressed or implied is made by the Market Manager or the Market Committee as the quality of products sold.

8. Prices: Prices will be fair market value, negotiated by the farmer, prepared food vendor, and the customer. All products must have prices clearly marked and posted. Products must be sold by piece, bunch, container or weight.

9. Weight: An official town or state *Scale of Weights and Measures* shall seal Scales. Household scales are not permitted.

10. Prepared Foods: As long as a farmer sells a majority of fresh produce, the farmer may bring bread, jellies, jams, and similar processed foods made by themselves. The farmer is responsible for complying with all requirements and licenses set by local Board of Health and state governments. Prepared foods offered by farmers and prepared food vendors should be made from fresh, local seasonal ingredients.

11. Non-Farm Products: Must be high quality, locally made, requiring skill and creativity, and the vendor must add at least 75% of the total value to the product. The product(s) must be complementary to a farmers' market. We may restrict the number of vendors selling similar products. Environmental friendliness is strongly preferred.

12. Set up and Display: All farmers and prepared food vendors should arrive at the market before starting time allowing sufficient time to set up their products/produce and display by opening time. Each farmer and prepared food vendor is responsible for setting up his/her display and provides protection for his or her produce from the elements. Pop-up tents must be set up and staked in the stone dust. All tents must be supported with weights to avoid fly-away and ensure safety for all.

13. Opening and Closing: Normally, no products may be sold before the starting time of (although the Market Manager may permit sales under certain circumstances). Farmers and prepared food vendors may sell while preparing to breakdown at closing, but should leave the parking lot by (1/2 hr later). Farmers will leave their assigned spaces in broom **clean** condition at Market closing. All trash must be taken at end of market.

14. No Hawking: Business must be conducted from inside the booth. No farm or non-farm vendor may approach attendees outside their booths.

15. Attendance: If a farmer or prepared food vendor is unable to attend on any given week, they must call or email the Market Manager before 7AM on the market day. Failure to call will result in a charge for that week. Repeated failure to call may result in loss of space at the Market.

16. Insurance: The market is covered by liability insurance. It is required that the farmers and prepared food vendors have their own insurance.

17. No Pets: Pets are NOT PERMITTED in the Silver City Farmers Market area per the order of the Taunton Board of Health, at this time. Pet sitting will be allowed in designated areas of the periphery, if volunteer or staffing is available.

18. Cooperation: Cooperation is expected. Members must be willing to follow Market rules and be willing to cooperate with management and other farmers. Any member who does not follow the rules, or who regularly shows an inability or unwillingness to cooperate, or is otherwise disruptive to the upbeat activities of the Market may be temporarily or permanently evicted from the Market by the Market Manager, upon consultation with the Market Committee.

19. Management: The Market Manager is the official manager of the market. If problems arise, the Market Manager upon, consultation with the Market Committee, will settle disputes. In the interest of promptness, decisions on any questions by the Market Manager shall be final.

21. Arrival at the Market -- Set up begins at 2:30p. For arrivals BEFORE 2:45 - pull up to area designated as "vendor loading site". There you will be able to offload your vehicle and be directed to your spot in the market. After offloading, you will move your vehicle to the yellow for parking, where it can remain for the day. NOTE: If you arrive AFTER 2:45pm, the vendor loading site maybe used to accommodate handicap parking and you will need to park and offload from your parking space.