

Audubon Park Community Market Market Application, Rules & Regulations

Requirements of Vendors:

1. All Vendors are responsible for compliance with applicable city, county, state and federal regulations and must be able to supply proof of such upon request.
 - a) All Growers must provide the Market Director the following documentation (as it applies to the vendor or product) prior to selling at the Market:
 - i) Product List
 - ii) Applicable Certification, Registration or License through the appropriate governmental or supervising agency
 - iii) Signed application and contract with the Market
 - b) All prepared food vendors must show proof of a certified kitchen (unless products fall under the provisions of the Cottage Food Law) and any other food safety requirements as determined by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Sciences, the United States Department of Agriculture or other appropriate governmental authority.
2. All Vendors must submit a completed application. The Audubon Park Community Market reserves the right to refuse participation to any applicant.
3. All Vendors are responsible for payment of any local, state or federal taxes, including sales tax.
4. All complaints against Vendors shall be resolved by the Market Director. Such complaints may, at the discretion of the Market Director, result in termination of selling privileges.
5. Market Director shall designate, in cooperation with the host businesses and the Audubon Park Garden District, all vending and parking areas.
6. The Market Director or a designated agent shall have supervision and control of the activities of the market and the designated market area. The Market Director has full responsibility for making certain that all rules and regulations as set forth by the Audubon Park Community Market are followed by each Vendor and/or any agents or employees.

Criteria for Vendor and/or Product Selection:

The Audubon Park Community Market is committed to creating a diverse marketplace with the highest quality, locally produces products available.

The Audubon Park Community Market will not be bound to apply a particular set of selection criteria in every instance and must reserve unconditional discretion to accept or refuse anyone as a Market Vendor.

Priority in vendor and/or product selection is given to:

- a) regional farmers and producers who bring products that are 100% grown, harvested, produced or caught within 150 miles of Orlando, FL
- b) Products that contain local, seasonal ingredients to the fullest extent possible.
- c) Products that are handmade from scratch (without the use of packaged mixes or fillers) and include local ingredients when possible.
- d) Products not already being sold at the Market

Exclusivity: The Audubon Park Community Market does not offer exclusive rights to any one vendor to sell any one product. Market customers generally benefit from having a choice. However, if the Audubon Park Community Market believes the number of vendors offering the same or similar products is excessive, duplicate products may be denied entry.

Producer/Vendor Rules and Exceptions

A producer is defined as the person that grows or makes the product and may also include the producer's immediate family, partners, employees or designated agent upon prior review and approval.

Growers can only sell first quality products at the market. No one can buy products and sell it at the market without prior approval of the Market Director. All supplementation must be documented. The Market Director has authority to limit supplementation of any products. A grower may secure an agent or employee to sell his/her produce or prepared food item. The Market Director prior to selling at the market must approve any grower/agent agreement **prior** to the selling of any of these products. After approval is granted, any farm item or product **not** produced by the vendor must have labeling designating the farm/original source.

Growers who use the market for sale of produce are subject verification of the source of produce offered for sale.

All products must be of high quality. Repeated complaints about quality of product may result in termination of selling privileges.

Producers may sell locally produced farm and food products including (but not limited to): fruit, vegetables, dairy, cut flowers, plants, cheese, cider, jams, jellies, relishes, honey, canned goods, pastas and baked goods; as well as handmade natural soaps and home cleaning products. Prepared foods are to be made from scratch and include as many local, seasonal ingredients as possible. They may not be prepared through the use of commercial mixes. It is the responsibility of each producer to abide by all state and federal regulations which governs the production, harvest, preparation, preservation, labeling or safety of products offered for sale at the market. Vendors are liable for their own products. The Audubon Park Community Market and the host businesses shall not be held accountable for the products offered by vendors. Product and liability insurance are the responsibility of the producer.

Farm Visits and Inspections

All farmers/producers are subject annual farm or business visits and inspections. All **new** farmers/growers will be inspected before approved to sell at the Audubon Park Community Market. Visits/inspections will be done with prior notice and can be done by the Market Director or a designated agent.

All complaints and concerns about the origin of a farm product will be addressed with a farm inspection. Any farmer/producer who is found to have violated the producer rules will receive a warning, temporary suspension, or be permanently removed from the market, depending on the severity of the offense. Any subsequent violation will be grounds for removal from the Market.

Artist/Handicrafts Vendors Criteria

The Audubon Park Community Market features a rotating selection of handmade and art vendors. In an effort to include a wide variety of artists and handicrafters, we use a shared display space and most vendors get one Monday a month at the market. The rotation is determined by the Market Director.

Vendors must sell goods made locally in Central Florida. All art or craft must be handmade or original items by the artist. While it is not an absolute requirement, preference is given to handmade art and crafts that promote environmental sustainability.

Interested vendors must submit information about products, any website information, and photos (whenever possible) via email or in person at the Market.

Market Displays, Signage, and Equipment

Display and Signage Standards

Vendors are encouraged to present their products in a professional and clean manner, including the display of such products. Selling spaces must be kept clean and neat. Failure to comply with this requirement may, at the discretion of the Market Director, result in the termination of selling privileges.

Food samples must be presented in a safe and sanitary manner, in accordance with any state and local regulations. The Vendor must provide trash receptacles for the disposal of any sampling materials such as cups, spoons, or toothpicks.

Vendors' product and signage must be contained within the selling space unless otherwise approved by Market Director.

Vendors will be solely responsible at all times for the cleanliness within their vending area regardless of the origin of the debris in that location. Each vendor is required to leave the space clean at the end of the day. The Vendors must remove all residue or waste products, as well as signs, tents, tables, etc. at the end of each Market day.

Professionalism

All profane, abusive, discourteous, and boisterous language and/or conduct at or about the market area are prohibited.

Use or possession of drugs, gambling, or possession of firearms at or about the market area is prohibited.

Fraudulent, dishonest, or deceptive merchandising, disruptive behavior, or collusion to set prices among vendors may be grounds for forfeiture of the right to do business of any kind in the market for a length of time to be determined by the Market Director.

Vendors must be fourteen years of age or older. Younger children are welcome and encouraged to participate, but must be accompanied by an adult responsible for the child's conduct and safety.

Safety

All canopies, umbrellas, and other forms of cover must be **sufficiently** and **safely** secured to the ground from the moment the canopy is erected at the start of the market day until the moment immediately before it is taken down at the end of the market. Weights should be tethered with lines that are clearly visible, should be securely attached to the canopy, and should not present any hazards (such as tripping) to customers.

Pricing

All products shall be clearly priced. Producers/vendors must have signs, boards, tags or labels listing prices of every item for sale.

Items can be priced by weight, individual item, bunch, bushel, or measured container.

Scales for food or produce sales must meet Florida Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services standards. Only Class 3 scales may be used.

Equipment

10'x10' Spaces:

- e) Vendors must provide their own canopies, tables, chairs, display items, signage and lighting.
- f) Power is provided to the back of each vendor space. Vendors must provide their own extension cords to supply power to any other part of the vendor space.

8' Table Spaces:

- a) Overhead canopies and limited lighting are provided.
- b) Vendors must provide their own tables, chairs, display items, and signage.
- c) Power is provided in the center of these vending areas. Vendors must provide their own extension cords to supply power directly to their vendor spaces.

*The following Additional Equipment is available for rent from the Audubon Park Community Market on a First Come, First Served Basis (please notify the market director of any rental needs as early as possible to secure a reservation)

- d) Canopy Tents: \$5 per market
- e) Clamp Lights: \$3 per market
- f) Extension Cords (multi-plug): \$2
- g) Extension Cords (standard): \$2

Times for Setup, Market Sales, and Breakdown

It is necessary for all vendors to be set up no later than 5:50pm and ready to do business when the market opens at 6:00pm. No vendor shall set up before 4:30pm or after 5:45pm without prior approval by the Market Director. At the beginning of each market day, vendors will check in with the Market Director before setting up. Each Vendor is expected to stop selling by 10:00 pm and have all produce, baked goods, boxes, containers, etc. loaded for removal by 11:00 pm. The Market Director will have the authority to change the market hours on special occasions.

No sales are allowed before the opening time. Orders may be taken prior to the market day, but shall not be filled until after 6:00.

Vendor parking will be in designated areas only. Vehicles are not permitted in the market area once the market opens unless by prior approval by Market Director.

Vendor Attendance/Late Arrival

Vendors must notify the Market Director 24 hours in advance if they are unable to attend the market for any reason. This is to allow for ease of vendor placement. In emergency situations (such as illness, death, or vehicle problems) vendors should contact the Market Director via telephone. After the start of the Market, vendors must be at their tables, prepared to sell, so as to prevent disruptive behavior such as the carrying of products across the Market or moving vehicles during times customers are present.

Weather Policies

The Audubon Park Community Market is **Rain or Shine**. With exceptions for cases of extreme or dangerous weather, the market will take place regardless of rain or cold. Vendors should be adequately prepared for sudden Florida rains (suggestions include plastic sheeting to cover merchandise if needed, a pole to push rain off of canopies, etc.)

It is the authority of the Market Director or a designated agent to close a market early or open a market late due to severe or inclement weather. The Market Director will make decisions to alter market times based on weather reports or market conditions.

In the case of rain that severely impedes outdoor vending but does not impede sales, the market may in very limited cases setup inside Stardust Video & Coffee. Due to limited space, vendor spaces will be provided on a first come, first served basis, and priority will be given to vendors with food/produce/grocery items. In such cases, the Market Director will make every effort to notify vendors of the decision no later than 2 hours prior to the market.

In cases of severe weather (hurricanes, tropical storms, tornado warnings, excessive winds, etc), the Market Director may cancel the market. Vendors will be notified of cancellations.

Any questions about weather plans should be addressed to the Market Director via phone or email.

Market Fees (all prices include sales tax):

1. Peak Season (October 1 – April 30) Fees

- a) \$10 per week (10'x10' space)/\$8 per week (space for 8' table); or
- b) \$35 per month (10'x10' space)/\$27 per month (space for 8' table); or
- c) \$210 for the season (10'x10' space)/\$154 for the season (space for 8' table)

2. Summer Season (May 1 – September 30) Fees

- a) \$7 per week (10'x10'space)/\$6 per week (space for 8' table); or
- b) \$25 per month (10'x10' space)/\$20 per month (space for 8' table); or
- c) \$115 for the season (10'x10' space)/\$95 for the season (space for 8' table)

3. Art/Handmade Craft Vendors (rotating schedule)

- a) \$5 per week

*All weekly fees are due at the start of each market. Monthly fees must be paid at the start of the first market of each month. Seasonal fees are due at the start of the first market of the season.

Vendor's Understanding and Acceptance of Rules and Regulations:

I have read and understand the above stated Rules and Regulations for the Audubon Park Community Market and agree to abide by them. I will have met all local, state and federal health, inspection and licensing requirements prior to selling products at the Market.

I do not hold the Audubon Park Community Market, the host businesses, or the Market Director liable for any property damage or personal injury that either my representatives or I may incur while selling at the Market. I accept full financial liability for my actions and all products that either I or my representatives sell at the Audubon Park Community Market.

I further agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Audubon Park Community Market, host businesses and the Market Director from and against any and all claims and actions for injury, damage or loss to persons or property or other liabilities or expenses whatsoever, including court cost and attorney's fees, related or arising out of my or my agent's actions, omissions and operations in connection with the Audubon Park Community Market.

Vendors Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Please list all Authorized Representatives: _____

Accepted By: _____

Date: _____

Market Director

Documents Received from Vendors: Product Listing _____

Certifications, Registrations or Licenses:

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THIS DOCUMENT IN PERSON OR VIA EMAIL WITH ALL REQUIRED CERTIFICATIONS, REGISTRATIONS OR LICENSES TO:

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