



Independence Winter Market Fees, Rules and Regulations

The Winter Market operates on the first Saturday from December through April, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

Stalls in the enclosed facility are 8'x8.5' Open-air stalls are approximately 9'x18'

This is a **GROWERS ONLY** market. Produce shipped in or purchased at auction is **NOT ALLOWED**.

The market operates in compliance with all city laws and the following rules:

Only the following items may be sold:

1. Produce (whole fruits and vegetables)
2. Plants (nursery stock and/or perennials must have current inspection certificate by the state entomologist). Call 573-751-5505 for information.
3. Acidified foods (salsa, BBQ sauce, peppered jams and jellies, pickles) made under a health permit of local jurisdiction. Vendor must have process reviewed by a process authority, record of the pH of each batch, and have attended a Better Process Control School. An exception may be made for vendors selling un-canned salsa if the product is made under a health department of local jurisdiction and kept in a cold holding unit of 41°F or below. Cold holding unit must be equipped with a temperature measuring device accurate to 2°F.
4. Pasteurized cheese made under health permit of local jurisdiction, in a licensed plant, kept in a cold holding unit at 41°F or below. Cold holding unit must be equipped with a temperature measuring device accurate to 2°F.
5. Meat from an approved source with a USDA/MDA stamp and kept in a cold holding unit at 32°F below. Cold holding unit must be equipped with a temperature measuring device accurate to 2°F. Vendors must be registered with the Missouri Meat & Poultry Inspection Program.
6. Jams and jellies made under health permit of local jurisdiction or under state exemption with a placard displayed in a prominent location stating: "This product has not been inspected by the Department of Health and Senior Services."
7. Baked goods (breads, pies, cakes, muffins, etc.) made under health permit of local jurisdiction. Baked goods from a non-certified kitchen may be sold if label so states and the name of preparer and an ingredient listing is provided.
8. Processed baked goods (premade baked goods that are processed/alterd by the vendor) made under health permit of local jurisdiction
9. Honey made by a seller who provides a copy of a satisfactory inspection report from the state or county health authority, dated within the last year or under state exemption.
10. Eggs sold under a Missouri Department of Agriculture Egg License and kept in a cold holding unit at 41°F or below. Cold holding unit must be equipped with a temperature measuring device accurate to 2°F.
11. Food items sold by mobile food units with a business license and health permit issued by the City of Independence, Missouri as allowed by City Code.
12. Handmade craft items are permitted. No manufactured items. No items deemed obscene, dangerous or unlawful, including but not limited to, drug paraphernalia, all knives, throwing stars, and brass knuckles.

REQUIRED HEALTH PERMITS MUST BE DISPLAYED IN PUBLIC VIEW AT ALL TIMES.

Dogs, cats, and other animals are prohibited from market grounds except for police dogs and service dogs accompanying disabled persons.

The Winter Market shall be entirely SMOKE FREE. Smoking and vaping is strictly prohibited within the boundaries of the market. This policy applies to all employees, vendors, and customers.

All containers (sacks, cartons, etc.) for customers must be new and unused. Bags may be paper, plastic or customers' personal shopping bags.

No samples of sliced or cut produce is allowed without a permit. All cut-for-display produce shall be covered by plastic wrap for pest control.

Seller, members of the seller's household, or employees of seller, must locally grow all produce, prepare all food items, or make craft items. Employees of the seller must provide a written authorization to act for the seller.

Solicitors, collection drivers or other than authorized sellers shall be prohibited on the grounds of the Farmers Market.

Only items of good quality may be offered for sale. Items must be grown or made within the City limits of Independence or within a 100-mile radius of the city limits.

The Market Operator has the authority to refuse to allow a potential seller to display produce at the Farmers Market if the vendor is found to be in violation of these rules and any applicable federal, state or local laws or regulations. The Market Operator may remove a seller found to be in violation of these rules. Such decision is final on that market day but may be appealed to the Parks, Recreation & Tourism Assistant Director for future market days.

The Market Operator has the authority to settle any disputes between sellers or between sellers and buyers. The Market Operator can order either or both to be removed from the grounds of the Farmers Market.

Sellers shall be responsible for obeying all state and federal regulations on weights and measures. Random scale inspections are conducted by the state. There is \$15 annual inspection fee required if a scale is used for produce sales.

Vendor set-up time begins at 8:00 AM. Vendors must remove their vehicles before the market opens. Vendors must remain at the market until 1:00 PM. All items must be packed up, space left as it was found and vendors out of the space by 2:00 PM.

Vendors must provide their own equipment, including tables, chairs, etc. All tables must have table dressing that is neat and clean with no rips or tears. All products, containers, boxes, etc. must be in good repair and free of sharp edges. Vendors are responsible for cleaning their area and removing all trash and debris. Vendors must keep all aisles clear and accessible to the public at all times.

The Independence Farmers Market historically has participated in EBT (Food Assistance) and Debit Service Programs through a contracted Market Master. Since the Market Master is retiring, the city has applied to host the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) and the Double-up Food Bucks program with the United States Department of Agriculture. Until authorization is granted, these programs cannot be offered. Please check our website for updates <https://www.independencemo.gov/visitors/things-do/independence-farmers-market>.

Vendors will need to decide if you will be cash only or accept credit or debit payments (Venmo, Square, etc.) at your individual booths. There will no longer be an option for buyers to purchase tokens by credit/debit card from the Market Operator.

Requests to maintain the same stall(s) from current full-season lessees will be given first consideration.

INDEPENDENCE WINTER MARKET VENDOR FEES

DAILY RATE - \$30 per stall SEASON RATE (paid in advance) - \$125 per stall

Call 816 325-7370 for payment by credit or debit card.

Payment by cash, check, credit or debit card can be made at
Roger T. Sermon Community Center
201 N. Dodgion
Independence, MO 64050

Questions? Contact us at FarmersMarket@indepmo.org

Please make checks payable to: **Independence Farmers Market**

INDEPENDENCE WINTER MARKET VENDOR CONTRACT

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ **Driver's License #** _____

E-mail _____

I hereby agree to lease _____ stalls per market day on Saturdays at the Independence Winter Market. Selling produce grown by another local farmer is acceptable if the Market Operator is notified. I have read the current market rules, fees and restrictions and agree to comply. I certify that any produce, plant or craft item offered for sale has been grown or made by me in accordance with market regulations.

Vendor Signature _____

Date ____/____/____

Accepted by _____

Date ____/____/____