

# INDEPENDENCE FARMERS MARKET RULES 2018

1. The 2018 Independence Farmers Market will be held every Saturday from 8 am – 12 pm, starting May 12, 2018 and ending October 13, 2018. The market will be located at the historic Wapsipinicon Mill (100 1<sup>st</sup> St W, Independence) and will be held rain or shine. In the event of flooding, the market will be relocated to River'sEDGE parking lot (133 2nd St SE, Independence).
2. Sales begin promptly at the signal at 8:00 am. No early bird selling.
3. Only items manufactured or grown in the vendor's gardens, farm or home may be offered for sale. No distributors or auction items allowed. Vendors may also be employees or family members of the grower.
4. A full season permit is a \$50 one-time fee and a one-day permit is \$10. Nonprofit organizations may obtain a booth to disseminate information free of charge and may notify the Market Manager at least one week in advance to reserve a spot. Any organization wishing to fundraise at the market will have to be approved by the Market Manager at least one week in advance and can do so free of charge.
5. Vendor stalls will come on a first-come-first-served basis on the day of the market.
6. Vendors will furnish their own tables, chairs, and selling supplies. Vendors are also responsible for proper cleanup of their space.
7. All produce and baked goods must be displayed up off the ground.
8. Products that do not require a food license to sell include: fruit, honey, herbs, nuts, eggs, flowers, plants, non-hazardous home-baked goods (jams, jellies, bakery items), and handcrafted items. Fruits and vegetables should be washed as needed. Eggs must be kept cold in an ice chest with ice to maintain refrigerator temperature. Baked goods MUST be wrapped and labeled with vendor name, address, name of product, ingredients, and allergen information.  
  
\*\*Please see the Iowa Inspections & Appeals "Farmers Markets Requirements" document for products NOT to be sold farmers markets because of potential food safety problems. Vendors may sell these products only if they have contacted the proper state authorities, obtained the proper license, and met requirements for selling a potentially hazardous product. Also refer to the Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 30, Food and Consumer Safety, for definitions and licensing information. If selling products that require a license, please submit a copy of the license to the Market Manager before selling the products.
9. Vendors are responsible for getting their own WIC and Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) coupon permits. If you would like more resources or help with the application process, please contact the Market Manager.
10. Vendors are responsible for a sales tax permit from the Iowa Department of Revenue if selling products that are taxable. In general, fruits, vegetables, and bakery items are not taxable, while crafts, plants, and flowers are taxable. Please see the IDR "Iowa Sales Tax on Items Sold at a Farmers Market" document for more details.
11. Disputes will be handled by the Market Manager, or appointed representative, as they occur. The Market Manager has the right to ask someone to leave the market if they are being disruptive or offensive in any way.
12. Vendors are responsible for obtaining any necessary licenses, permits, and insurance for selling at a farmers market.
13. Smoking is forbidden on all city property, as the market is held on a city owned street.

Please contact the Market Manager with any questions:  
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