



MURRAY MAIN STREET
Downtown Farmers Market
Rules and By-laws
(Created March 5, 2018)

ARTICLE ONE - ORGANIZATION:

1. The Downtown Farmers Market dba Murray Main Street is a 501(c)3 organization.
2. The fiscal year is shall be January-December under the tax id number set up for The Murray Main Street Program, Inc.
3. These by-laws will be incorporated into the Murray main Street by-laws and referenced in Article 14 Downtown Farmers Market. The application and rules will be stated within these by-laws and will be reviewed and reaffirmed with the Murray Main Street by-laws.

ARTICLE TWO – PURPOSE

The Market has been organized under the umbrella of the non-profit, Murray Main Street, for the following purposes:

1. To provide market capabilities for farmers to promote their products directly to the consumer.
2. To provide high-quality produce to consumers at a reasonable price.
3. To establish and maintain basic operating standards and representation for members.
4. To provide the market with publicity to promote the sale of local grown produce.
5. To provide market capabilities for area crafters to promote their products directly to the consumer.

ARTICLE THREE - LOCATION AND TIME:

1. The Downtown Farmers Market is located on Maple Street between 4th and 5th Streets and 5th Street between Maple and Poplar Streets.
2. The market is open every Saturday from 7am-Noon from May through October.
3. Dates, times and locations may vary slightly from year to year.

ARTICLE FOUR – MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS:

1. Membership is open to any farmer or crafter who meets all requirements as set forth by these by-laws. Membership shall be for the market beginning in March until the following February.
2. Vendors **MUST** pay the annual membership fee to set up at the market.
3. New vendor applications will be accepted beginning with the March pre-season meeting and continue through the last market day.
4. The membership fee will be set at \$25 for each vendor regardless of payment date.
5. There shall be at least one membership meeting held each year, in the first quarter of the calendar year.
6. The membership meeting will be advertised 30 days prior to said meeting.

ARTICLE FIVE – BOARD

1. The Murray Main Street Board will serve as the governing body of the Downtown Farmers Market.
2. The Organization Committee will be the management committee and shall meet monthly during the market season to handle all business pertaining to the Downtown Farmers Market.

ARTICLE SIX – DUTIES OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

1. The duties of the management committee shall be to transact all business of the Downtown Farmers Market, to establish the policy of said market regarding programs of activities; to prepare a marketing plan for each operating period and recommend rates for said market.

ARTICLE SEVEN

3. **No business license is required** for participation in the Downtown Farmers Market. If you choose to sell your goods at any other location in Murray, a Murray City “Business License” is required.

4. The Downtown Farmers Market offers a unique opportunity for local artists and craftspeople to sell their work; therefore, only work that is hand crafted will be accepted. Any commercial, manufactured or imported items will not be allowed. Murray Main Street reserves the right to determine whether goods or services are appropriate for sale or distribution at the market. All cooked food **MUST** be prepared in a certified kitchen and approved by the health department.
5. Placement of booths will be at the discretion of Murray Main Street. **Due to limited space on the court square, you may be asked to relocate your booth during busy times of the season or during special events i.e. Ice Cream festival.**
6. Selling area should be kept clean and attractive. Participants are responsible for dismantling and cleaning their space before departing.
7. **Signage is required for all products, stating the price of each item. Signage stating the origin of your produce is also required.**
8. To give samples of food, you must attend GAP training and hold a Farmers Market Sampling Certificate.
9. You **must** have **certified scales**.
10. Hawking (yelling at customers to come into your space) and approaching or soliciting customers in the common traffic areas is prohibited.
11. Season pre-payment will reserve your space until 6:45 a.m. on market days. If you are not occupying the space at that time, we reserve the right to assign that space to someone else. Vendors will be provided contact information for the Vendors Association Representative who can handle late arrivals.
12. **All fees are non-refundable**, Inclement weather **will not** be grounds for refund.
13. During special Saturdays, you will be required to relocate to another street.

Murray Main Street agrees to advertise the Downtown Farmers Market each week in one or more venues. Murray Main Street will mass email members of organization, MSU and others.

The Murray Main Street Downtown Farmers Market is a community event organized by volunteers for the betterment of downtown, in support of area growers and vendors, and for the enjoyment of the attending public.

Participants are participating in this event at his/her own risk. He/she will agree to waive and discharge any and all claims against Murray Main Street and its representatives.

Any complaints about the Downtown Farmers Market activities, vendors, customers or volunteers must be submitted in writing to a Murray Main Street Board member and he/she will take the appropriate action. Do not discuss such issues with customers or other vendors.