

GRANT COUNTY FARMERS MARKET BY-LAWS

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BY-LAW CHANGE PROCEDURE: Proposed by-law changes will be clearly mentioned and then voted upon during regular monthly business meetings. In the event that action needs to be made more quickly, the council reserves the right to call a special business meeting.

LOCATION: Will be preset and agreed upon by majority of members. Currently, the Grant County Farmers Market is held at the old Grant County Board of Education Bus Garage parking lot on US 25 in Dry Ridge, Kentucky and next to the Whippy Dip beside the Grant County Park on US 25 in Crittenden, Kentucky.

FIRST DAY TO SELL: Depends upon members' crop readiness.

MEMBERSHIP: Limited to paid members of the Grant County Farmer's Market. Membership is attained by attending one of five monthly business meeting held between January and May of Farmer's Market year. Produce must be grown by paid members of the Grant County Farmer's Market on property granted, rented, leased or owned in Grant County.

RIGHT TO SELL: Produce may be marketed by paid members of the Grant County Farmer's Market and their immediate family members during the growing season. Space is available on a first come, first serve basis within the designated area. In the event that space is not available, members are required to make booth space available. Market members are entitled to a least one booth space, unless no other booth spaces are available. Market member families may combine produce for selling purposes, however, bought produce is NOT allowed. Under extenuating circumstances the member may elect a substitute salesperson to represent them at the market to sell that member's produce with approval from the Grant County Farmer's Market Steering Committee. Substitute salespeople must possess at market location the membership card of the market member they represent.

MEMBERSHIP FEE: Annual fees will be \$50.00 per family. Membership is limited as set by the members. Members must attend at least one business meeting. Dues must be paid by the May business meeting, which closes our membership for the current year. Members cannot sell produce at market until their dues have been paid.

VOTING PRIVILEGES: Members must actively market for one year prior to gaining voting rights in the market. Furthermore, only two members are permitted to vote per family membership.

TYPES OF PRODUCE TO BE SOLD: (All federal, state and local laws and ordinances must be followed.)

- Any fruits and vegetables
- Bedding and potted plants, cut flowers (subject to sales tax, which is the seller's responsibility)
- Other specialty items such as honey, cider, molasses, eggs and canned goods (with some restrictions)
- Handmade crafts may be allowed if and as approved by the membership.

RESTRICTIONS: No live animals, fresh meat, fish, milk or milk products may be sold. Produce must be kept off the ground.

CLEAN UP: All sellers will be responsible for their own garbage receptacles; will clean up their own space and will remove their garbage at the end of the selling day.

CONSUMER RELATIONS: Produce shall be priced and sold by bunch, ear, dozen, bushel, peck, etc., or otherwise sold by the pound by use of an approved scale provided by the seller. No bathroom or baby scales will be permitted. Each grower will provide sacks or proper containers for consumer goods.

PRICING: Will be preset and agreed upon by all members. The prices on the adopted Price List will reflect the minimum pricing.

QUALITY AND FRESHNESS: These are the two key selling points for the grower. No spoiled produce will be offered for sale. Produce offered for sale must meet the required amount of days since last spraying of insecticides or chemicals. The Health Inspector checks periodically.

STEERING COMMITTEE: A Steering Committee of three persons will be elected in January of each year to resolve any conflicts which may arise at market, including non-compliance.

NON-COMPLIANCE: any seller not in compliance with the above regulations will:

- First: receive a warning; then
- Second: will be asked to vacate the premises permanently.

MEMBERSHIP PERMIT: A duplicate of this form will constitute the membership permit and the privilege to sell. A membership card issued by the president or Secretary may also serve this purpose.

TAXES: Are left to the discretion of each individual seller.

OFFICERS: The President will be nominated and elected by the members in February in even-numbered years for a two-year term. Duties of the President include presiding at

meetings, deciding meeting agendas, co-signing all checks written on the Market's bank accounts. In the event of a tie vote, the President's vote shall break the tie.

The Secretary/Treasurer will be nominated and elected by the members in February of odd-numbered years for a two-year term. Duties of the Secretary/Treasurer include maintaining all market records, recording minutes, handling bank accounts, paying bills, receiving dues, co-signing all checks written on the Market's bank accounts, filing any and all paperwork required and maintaining current membership information.

NON-DISCRIMINATION: The Grant County Farmers market does not discriminate in its membership policies. Membership is open to all persons regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability or national origin.