



Mount Vernon Farmers Market

Vendor Agreement for Credit/Debit/SNAP (food stamp program)

The Mount Vernon Farmers Market is implementing a new credit/debit/SNAP (food stamp) program. The market's goal, with you as partners, is to provide a value-added revenue source for the vendors and to offer fresh fruits and vegetables to low-income families who receive food stamps. In addition, we are combining this technology with credit/debit services. Shoppers will be able to use their credit/debit bankcards in exchange for Market Tokens. The Market Tokens will be good for any products sold at the Market. Vendors will be reimbursed for tokens received, minus a 5% processing fee.

SNAP/food stamp tokens are green and come in \$1.00 increments. Change should not be given on SNAP tokens.

Credit/debit tokens are red in \$5.00 increments. Change will be given for credit/debit tokens.

For consistency in the program and clarity for the market customer, the Board requires that *all* vendors participate in the program. Customers will purchase credit/debit/SNAP tokens at the Market Information Table. They will use tokens to purchase your products. We expect that all vendors will benefit as if they have individual wireless credit/debit/SNAP machines, yet vendors will not have any of the additional bookkeeping tasks or expenses that would require.

To help ensure the success of this program, the market will promote it in a variety of ways including market signage, press releases, in our monthly advertising and through other, non-traditional means. All revenues and expenses of the program will be reviewed each year for its value to the market, the farmers and to the community.

Due to Federal Regulations of the SNAP (Food Stamp Program), we are asking vendors to sign this agreement to assure that they are aware of the rules of the program. We see this program as a joint responsibility.

I, _____ on behalf of my business, _____ agree to abide by the rules described herein as they relate to the processing Credit/Debit/SNAP (Food Stamp) transactions. I/we agree to follow all USDA SNAP (Food Stamp Program) rules, as outlined on the bottom of this agreement. I/we understand that the Market Board has the right to remove vendors from the market who do not comply with these rules.

Vendor (Date)

DBA or Business Name Market Manager (Date)

USDA SNAP (FOOD STAMP PROGRAM) RULES

SNAP (Food Stamp) Benefits CAN be used to buy:

Fruits, vegetables, eggs, meats, fish, poultry, dairy products, seeds and plants intended for growing food.

SNAP (Food Stamp) Benefits can NOT be used to buy:

- Non-food items
- Ready to eat or hot foods (Concession food)