

# Gastonia Farmers Market

## Vendor Application and Information Sheet

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Farm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (that you would like to receive correspondence):

\_\_\_\_\_

Farm address (if different from above):

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide a brief description of what you farm/plan to bring to the market:**

*Please answer the following questions or check your appropriate response.*

I am applying as a: Returning Vendor \_\_\_\_\_ New Vendor \_\_\_\_\_

I am a GFM Association Member (paid \$15.00 dues): Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

I had a Reserved Space last season: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ (Space # \_\_\_\_\_) No \_\_\_\_\_

**Application fee of \$30.00 is required.**

**Membership:** Membership into the GFM Association is limited to farmers who produce agricultural products and any baker or crafter grandfathered as a member. **ALL** agricultural products (100%) sold must be grown and produced by the vendor. Buying and reselling produce will not be tolerated and will result in expulsion from the market. Some vendors grow fruits and vegetables, raise livestock, can and bake products, and create crafts. If you are one of these vendors and want to apply as a farmer at least 51% of what you sell at any given time must be agricultural products produced by you on your farm. If not, you need to apply as a baker or crafter.

This application is submitted as a: Farmer \_\_\_\_\_ Baker \_\_\_\_\_ Crafter \_\_\_\_\_

As a farmer or nurseryman you will be required to obtain a grower's certificate from your local county agent and meet any required state inspections. As a baker (or farmer selling canned goods) your kitchen or facility must be inspected by the appropriate state agency and receive an approved rating. As a meat handler you must have a current Meat & Poultry Handler's License. You will need to submit copies of the above documents to the Market Manager.

**Farm Visits:** Visits to your farm or production facility by representatives of the market are two-fold in purpose. First, it provides the opportunity to learn what vendors are doing on their farms. This enables the market manager to provide accurate information to customers, website postings, and other forms of advertisement. Secondly, farm visits maintain the integrity of the market by providing the assurance that those products being sold are indeed produced by the vendor. Every new vendor will be visited their first year on the market. One third of all returning vendors will be visited each year. Any vendor will be visited if a complaint is filed. All complaints must be signed by the person filing the complaint. A farm visit must be scheduled and conducted within ten days of notification or the vendor will not be allowed to return to the market.

I have read the above terms and requirements of the Gastonia Farmers Market and agree to abide by them. I have received a copy of the rules and regulations as defined by the Gastonia Farmers Market. I understand I forfeit participation as a vendor if I do not abide by the above terms and/or the rules and regulations.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Additional comments:*

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Date received:

Application fee paid?      Y   N

Membership?                Y   N

Farm Visit required?      Y   N