

Mount Vernon Farmers Market Vendor Agreement for Credit/Debit/SNAP (food stamps)

The Mount Vernon Farmers Market has a 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 SNAP benefits. Shoppers are able to use their credit/debit/SNAP cards in exchange for Market Tokens.

SNAP/food stamp tokens are green and black and come in \$1.00 and \$2.00 increments. Change should not be given on SNAP tokens. SNAP tokens are only good for EBT eligible foods that are outlined at the bottom of this page. Credit/debit tokens are red in \$5.00 increments. Change will be given for credit/debit tokens. Credit/debit tokens can be used to buy anything that is sold at market. Vendors will be reimbursed for tokens received, minus a 3% processing fee (for credit/debit only, there is no fee for the ebt 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 that surround SNAP, 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 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)