

St. Marys Community Market Vendor Application

The St. Marys Community Market aims to be a valued addition to downtown St. Marys. We stress Georgia-Grown Georgia-Made but also have a "product vendor" category allowing small businesses or consultants to participate in the market. Customer service and friendly courtesy to all is a must. You will be seen, by some, as their first encounter in town and it is important to make that impression a good one. Be professional and helpful for the entire time you sell your wares. **YOU MUST BE IN AN ASSIGNED, NUMBERED BOOTH SPOT TO PARTICIPATE.** **Location:** Current Location is the grounds of Orange Hall. *Location is subject to change.* Hours: Every Saturday 9 am – 1 pm. No market will be held in July or August.

(Closed Festival Days that fall on Saturdays) Festival organizers **MAY** decide to offer a vendor discount for festivals that fall on Saturdays. That is up to the festival organizers to decide from year to year if they offer a discount and how many discounts will be available. Any discounts are first-come first-serve at the discretion of the festival organizers. You must have been a full-time market vendor for a minimum of three months to receive any offered festival discount. Subject to Change.

Vendor Information:

*Your Name: _____ *Business name: _____
 *Mailing Address: _____
 *Phone: _____
 *E Mail: _____ Website: _____

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All Applicants (Including Floaters): One Time Application Fee:	Non-Refundable Application Fee	2024
~ Standard Booth Fee (Handmade/Grown):	Monthly Fee (any part of a month)	\$25.00
~ Floater Daily Fee (Initial application fee also applies):	Per Market Day	\$10.00
"Product Vendor" (Non handmade or grown/ Manufactured items):	Monthly Fee (any part of a month)	\$60.00
Non-Profit* (Distributing information) Waive Application fee:	Monthly Fee (any part of a month)	\$15.00
Non-Profit* Fundraising (Selling any items) Waive Application fee:	Monthly Fee (any part of a month)	\$20.00
*Proof on non-profit status is required		

1. **You must pay your monthly rent** to the market no later than the 7th of each month. Payments are made onsite only during market hours. Payments are to be paid to the Volunteer Market Coordinator (Ashley Hulett) via Cash or Check only. Make checks payable to: "St. Marys CVB."
2. **Any concerns should be reported via text or email** to the market coordinator first (Ashley Hulett, 912-657-6877, thebugandbean16@gmail.com), then to SMCVB Board Member & Market Manager if assistance is still needed (Valerie Fautz, 502-541-4729).
3. **After (1) month of non-attendance or non-payment vendors will be dropped from the market to allow space for other vendors.**
4. **We ask that you attend as often, as possible, and that each vendor commit to at least 2 weekends per month.** You may be dropped if you regularly do not attend at least twice per month.
5. You must **notify the market coordinator 7 days in advance if you are planning on not attending.** This allows them time to fill your spot with a floater the week you are out.
6. **You cannot set up if you owe booth fees. Booth fees should be paid every month.**

Items to be sold: Name the variety of products you intend to sell at the market. Please be specific. Indicate if items are grown or made by you or whether they are manufactured. No one type of booth has exclusivity, we do not limit booths to only one type of services. Example, there can be multiple jewelry makers, multiple artists, multiple produce sellers, etc. No profanity or adult-only products allowed. Any vendor attempting to sell unapproved items may be required to remove the items or may be asked to leave. We reserve the right to disapprove any items.

Pay Monthly payment to: Volunteer Market Coordinator (Ashley Hulett) via Cash or Check only. Checks payable to: "St. Marys CVB."
PAY FEE ON-SITE AT THE MARKET EVERY MONTH.

Market Rules and Standards:

*Vendors are expected to provide their own tables, chairs, and displays.

- Vendors must be at least 18 years of age to sign agreement.
- Variety and creativity are what bring your customers back. Keep your booth well stocked and tended.
- A full and lively market with dependable vendors in attendance will go far toward your success.
- Vendors are expected to remain open during the entire length of the market day unless all products have been sold out prior to market closing. However, inclement weather may force the market to close early or open late. (10.2024)

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- No illegal activity or offensive behavior will be allowed. Nor profanity or adult-only products allowed.
- Food service activities must have the approval of the Camden County Environmental Health office. Food service includes mainly prepared foods, and covers any food items except baked goods, raw unprepared produce, and commercially prepackaged items. If you have any questions, you may contact the environmental health office at (912) 729-6012 directly.
- Taxes are the sole responsibility of the vendor and must be reported to the State of Georgia.
- Stands are to be kept hazard-free and reasonably attractive. The **vendor** must remove trash and litter around the stand from any source before departure. **Vendors May NOT use the trash cans on site for booth trash. Pack in and Pack out rules apply for vendors.**
- All produce must be stored and displayed at a reasonable distance above the ground (minimum of 18 inches). The exception is produce such as watermelons, pumpkins, flowers in containers, or other items in water for freshness. Produce should be mature, but not overripe, and void of decay.
- **No electricity or water will be available at the Market.** Vendor must inform if planning to use a gas generator as City approval will be required.
- Please remember you are representing St. Marys. Vendors at the market shall, always, conduct themselves in a pleasant and courteous manner with customers and other vendors.
- All prices must be clearly marked.
- Items cannot be displayed on steps or sidewalks.
- No feather banners are allowed per the local ordinance for the historic district. You can place a flag or traditional style banner on your table or booth.
- No one shall hang banners, posters, signs or flags, or otherwise affix or place objects upon the trees, fences, buildings, walls and other property on the grounds of such areas.
- Reselling shall not be permitted.
- Quality of Merchandise (Fruits & Vegetables): (1) All fresh fruits, vegetables, tree nuts and other specialty products such as Christmas trees must be U.S. No. 2 grade or better including not more than a total of 2% decay, soft rot or wet breakdown. Commodities that have no U.S. grade standards must meet 90% free from defects that seriously affect their appearance, edible or marketing quality including not more than 2% decay, soft rot or wet breakdown. All culls graded out of produce on the Markets must be disposed of as garbage, or dumped. Unwholesome, spoiled or damaged food or products unfit for human consumption shall not be offered for sale on any Market by any person. Such selling of unwholesome, spoiled or damaged food or products unfit for human consumption will constitute proper grounds for revocation or suspension of a license and the right to conduct any type of business or being employed by any business to conduct business on the Markets at any of the State Farmers' Markets in the future. (2) False packs are prohibited on any market item. "False packs" means the topping or facing of containers with the best products exposed and poorer products concealed.

Terms are subject to change with notification at any time. I have read and agree to abide by the "Market Rules and Standards." I understand that these standards guarantee a level of quality that is expected by customers. I understand that I may be photographed, and photos are property of SMCVB. Renter further agrees to and hereby does indemnify and forever hold harmless the City of St. Marys and the St. Marys Convention & Visitors Bureau, along with their agents, contractors, employees, trustees and officers, from and against and in respect to any and all demands, claims, causes of action, judgments, fines, penalties, damages (including consequential damages), liabilities, losses and expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees and costs of litigation) arising from or incurred in connection with: (I) the use or occupancy of city property or any property used as part of the St. Marys Community Market by Vendor or any of Vendor's agents, employees, representatives, guests and attendees; (ii) any acts, omissions or negligence of Vendor or any of Vendor's agents, employees, representatives, guests and attendees; or (iii) any breach or violation of this Rental Agreement by Vendor or any of Vendor's agents, employees, representatives, guests and attendees.

Vendor Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Market Representative Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Office use only: Date Received: _____ Amount Paid: _____

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