



# LEE COUNTY FARMERS MARKET

GIDDINGS, TEXAS

## Rules & Regulations

### **Market Day & Time**

Tiny Hive, LLC | 3125 East Austin St. Giddings, TX 78942 | Every Friday 3pm-7pm

Our board has the authority to determine additional seasonal times and markets, which may be announced in the future.

### **Membership and fees**

- All members must pay an annual fee of **\$50** to sell at the market. The annual fee covers from Second Friday in February - Second Friday in December. Membership fees will be due at the beginning of each year.
- The Bi-Annual membership is a **six-month** membership with a fee of **\$25**.
- A fee of **\$25** will be assessed for each day a booth is occupied at the market.

Annual fees and weekly booth fees will not be refunded for any reason. This also includes bad weather and lack of business due to weather.

\*\*If there is a need to make exceptions due to death or injury, please reach out to the board for approval.

### **Market Layout**

- Vendors are required to be adaptable with their location as vendor spots are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis without assigned booths.
- Vendors must be present and set up 15 minutes before the market begins. Please refrain from parking any vehicles within the vendor area 30 minutes prior to opening.
- Vendors are required to maintain their presence in the market until closing time, regardless of whether they have sold all their products.
- A booth space of 10x10 will be provided, vendors can use straight leg canopies.
- If two vendors wish to collaborate under a shared booth, they must each hold an individual membership with the market, while only being required to pay a single booth fee.
- Vendors are responsible to bring their own tables, chairs, trash cans, canopies, table cloths, accessories, etc.



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## Market safety and behavior

- Vendors are required to keep their merchandise within their designated area and ensure that signage does not obstruct the flow of traffic.
- Smoking, vaping, drugs and alcohol are not permitted in market areas.
- Vendors are required to exit the market area for smoking or vaping and must dispose of any objects in a respectful manner before returning to their booth.
- Members are expected to conduct themselves in a polite and professional manner, treating customers and other vendors with respect.
- All food items must be stored at least 6 inches off the ground.
- Members must provide a trash container at your site for public use if you choose to serve samples or other waste materials.
- Please note that **ONLY** service dogs are permitted in the food area. **ALL** other animals must be kept on a leash and remain at least 15 ft away from food areas. It is the responsibility of **all members** to ensure compliance with this rule.

## Who can sell

The Lee County Farmers Market aims to maintain a majority of producers, such as farmers, ranchers, nurseries, and gardeners, comprising at least 51% of the vendors. This ensures a diverse and authentic selection of agricultural products for our customers. Additionally, we welcome other vendors such as crafters, artisans, bakers, and makers to contribute to the market's vibrant atmosphere.



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- It is required that members cultivate their own produce and/or create their own products. The sale of items that have not been grown or made by a market member is strictly prohibited unless prior approval has been granted by the LCFM board.
- Directly related products needed for a vendor's booth like chips at a salsa vendor's booth, or a coffee grinder from a coffee seller are acceptable but a variance must be requested and granted by the board.
- Members who are certified organic must comply with all federal, state, county and city regulations.
- Before selling at the market, members are required to submit copies of all necessary licenses, sales tax certificates, and other required forms for the items they intend to sell. These documents must be displayed at their booth for customers to view.
- Members are responsible for setting their own prices for their products and must display these prices at their booth. It is important to maintain fair pricing and avoid price gouging.

## A. Who can sell:

- Agricultural Producers (farmers, ranchers, nurseries)
- Cottage Food and Craft Vendors

## B. Who CANNOT sell:

- Non profit organizations - Non-Profit Organizations may be offered a free booth at the market to raise awareness for their organizations, and to raise money via donations. Booth space is at the board's discretion and must be non-partisan and secular.
- If a non profit wishes to sell products they must join the market as a fee paying member. At no time can a non profit organization give away for free, or at a reduced price, products which are sold elsewhere in the market.

## Products you may sell:

### 1. Agricultural Products:

- Any Vegetables grown by the seller from seeds, sets, or seedlings.
- Any fruits, nuts, or berries grown by the seller from trees, bushes or vines on the seller's farm.
- Any plant grown by the seller from seeds, seedling, transplant or cutting.



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- Bulbs propagated by the seller.
  - Nuts harvested from the seller's trees (shelled or unshelled).
  - Sprouted seeds and grains. (in compliance with state and federal regulations).
  - Mushrooms produced and cultivated by the seller.
  - Eggs produced by the seller's poultry.
  - Fish or meat from animals raised on the vendor's premises.
  - Honey produced by the seller's bees
  - Fresh cut flowers grown by the seller.
  - Firewood from the vendor's property.
2. Meat, fish, dairy, and eggs. Farmers are allowed to sell meat, fish, dairy products and eggs at the market if they have raised/ grown themselves on their farm. All members of these products must be in compliance with the regulations of the State of Texas, County of Lee, and City of Giddings.
  3. Flowers and nursery products. Members are permitted to sell plants and trees, fresh and dried flowers, herbs and decorative vegetation grown or legally gathered by them. Nursery and cut flowers require a state inspection certificate from the Department of Agriculture. All vendors selling flowers and nursery products must also carry a tax identification number for sales tax purposes.
  4. Value-Added Products.
    - Dried Herbs, spices, dried tea mixes, beans, grains, fruits, nuts and vegetables grown by the seller and as required processed by the seller in compliance with all health regulations. Refer to the Texas Cottage Food Bill.
    - Shelled Nuts from seller's trees, including those which have been salted, roasted or flavored.
    - Dried or silk flower arrangements and wreaths. The arrangements and wreaths produced solely by the seller.
    - Herbal products including salves, lotions, soaps, teas, etc.

Vendors must have appropriate permits and licenses to sell the following:

- Jams, preserves, vinegars, salsa, pesto, oils and flavored oils, baked goods and other edible products that are prepared by the seller.
  - Other products approved by the market and consistent with the intent of the market purpose to give regional producers direct access to customers.
5. Artisans. Crafters and producers of crafts must comply with the following rules:



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- All crafts offered for sale must be handmade. Any craft or artwork sold must be the work of the vendor or a family member.
  - All crafts must be examined and approved by the market representative before they are admitted for sale at the market.
6. Animals. Live animals, such as rabbits, chickens, birds, etc. that the vendor has raised/grown themselves on their farm, may be sold at the market with the approval of a market representative.

## **NON-COMPLIANCE POLICY**

In signing this document you are agreeing to adhere to the rules and regulations of the Lee County Farmers Market as well as any relevant federal state county or city regulations. Non-compliance with any of these requirements for participation in the Lee County Farmers Market may result in enforcement of the following three-strike policy:

- 1- Verbal Warning.
- 2- Vendor will not be allowed to sell at the next market.
- 3- Membership to the farmers market will be revoked without refund.

Furthermore, the board of directors holds the authority to refuse entry or remove any vendor if it is deemed to be in the best interest of the market. The president and directors of the Lee County Farmers Market are committed to upholding all market rules and ensuring a fair and equitable experience for all vendors and customers.

All vendors are required to carefully review the membership agreement and the rules & regulations before signing the membership agreement. It is also necessary to sign and date the indemnity statement on the rules & regulations document.



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***Indemnity Agreement: Each member is responsible for indemnifying and protecting the Lee County Farmers' Market and all associated agencies, including the State of Texas and the city where the market is located, from any claims, demands, injuries, loss of life, or property damage that may occur on or off the premises as a result of the member's use or occupancy of the premises. The member is also required to defend, at their own expense, any legal actions brought against the Lee County Farmers' Market or any affiliated organizations due to the member's actions or omissions.***

Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Name (signature): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Copy of By-Laws available at <http://tinyhivellc.com/leecountyfarmersmarket/>

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