

FORWARD BRUNSWICK

FARMERS' MARKET

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR OUR MARKET

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If you're interested in becoming a vendor at the Forward Brunswick Farmers' Market at Mary Ross Waterfront Park, please review the rules below and complete the [vendor application](#). All applicants must wait for confirmation of acceptance before attending the market. For any questions in the meantime, please contact farmersmarket@forwardbrunswick.org.

Market Season

Year-round - on the Second and Fourth Saturday of each month. The Market operates rain or shine at the Pavilion at Mary Ross Park in downtown Brunswick, from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

Market Mission

- Increase the availability of fresh, local food to help reduce food deserts and hunger in Brunswick.
 - Support local farmers, food producers, and artisans.
 - Make downtown Brunswick a Saturday shopping destination for visitors and residents of the Golden Isles.
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Vendor Eligibility & Rules

All individuals or groups (hereafter referred to as Vendors) selling at the Mary Ross Park Farmers' Market (hereafter referred to as the Market) must abide by these rules and have all appropriate licenses, certifications, or permits to legally sell their product(s) in Glynn County. Market staff (hereafter referred to as Staff) are responsible for enforcing these rules. By submitting a vendor application, you acknowledge that you have read, understand, and agree to comply with these rules. Failure to follow them may result in penalties, including fines and dismissal from the Market.

All vendors must comply with:

- State of Georgia rules regarding food, agriculture, and sales tax
 - Local Glynn County and City of Brunswick regulations regarding sales, business licensing, and public safety
 - Market Staff inspections or site visits to ensure compliance
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Vendor Categories

Applicants will fall into one of three categories: Farm Product Vendor, Prepared Food Vendor, or Artisan & Craft Vendor.

The Market maintains an approximate balance of 60% Farm Product Vendors to 40% Prepared Food & Artisan Vendors combined.

1. Farm Product Vendors

Farm Product Vendors sell: live plants, cut plants, seedlings, plant seeds, raw agricultural products (produce, nuts, eggs, honey, milk), and/or uncooked meat or seafood.

- Vendors must grow or harvest at least 75% of what they sell.
- Up to 25% may come from secondary independent farmers/producers within 250 miles of Brunswick (not resellers or distributors).

- All secondary sources must be clearly identified on product labels or signage and listed in the application or submitted addendum.

2. Prepared Food Vendors

Prepared Food Vendors sell processed or cooked foods such as baked goods, breads, cheese, confections, premade meals, preserved goods, or other foods that are not raw.

- Vendors must produce 100% of the items they sell.
- All prepared foods must be packaged and labeled in accordance with governmental regulations.
- Hot prepared foods are not allowed.
- Vendors must have a valid temporary food service permit posted in clear view. Permits may be obtained from Glynn County Environmental Health (912-264-3831).

3. Artisan Craft Vendors (new)

Artisan & Craft Vendors sell handmade, small-batch items created using sustainable or natural materials.

- All items must be original works made by the vendor. No resale, dropshipping, wholesale flipping, or imported/assembled items are allowed.
- Vendors must be an established local business in the Greater Brunswick area.

Preference is given to artisans already selling consistently in local shops.

- All products must be locally made, sustainable, and hand-produced.
 - Artisan Vendors may sell non-food, hand-crafted goods; food vendors may only sell merchandise branded with their own name or logo.
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General Rules for All Vendors

- Vendors must comply with all applicable state and local laws including sales tax, food safety, and business licensing.
 - Market Staff may conduct site visits or inspections before acceptance or periodically during the Market season.
 - Vendors must wait to receive confirmation of acceptance before attending the Market.
 - Questions before acceptance may be directed to farmers@forwardbrunswick.org.
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Sales Tax

- Food and food ingredients sold for off-premises consumption are exempt from Georgia state sales tax but subject to local county sales tax.
 - Prepared food is fully subject to both state and local sales tax.
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Insurance

Vendors must have public liability insurance to cover any claims for damages, including injury, death, or property loss arising from Vendor activities or products.

Certifications, Registrations & Licenses

Vendors must provide copies of all applicable certifications, registrations, and licenses to Market Staff before participating and are encouraged to keep them on hand during market hours.

Market Schedule

The Market operates on the second and fourth Saturdays from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. The Market may close or adjust hours for holidays or special events with prior notice to Vendors.

Arrival and Setup

- Vendor arrival: 8:00 am - 9 am.
- Vendors must be set up and ready to sell by 9:00 am and remain open until 1:00 pm

unless granted special permission.

- Vendors are responsible for transporting their own products and equipment.
 - No sidewalk parking is allowed.
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Check Out and Breakdown

- Vendors must check out with Staff before leaving.
 - Financial transactions, booth fees, or reimbursements for tokens are handled at check-out.
 - Vendors must vacate the premises by 2:00 pm.
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Labels and Signage

- All products must be labeled according to Market rules and applicable governmental regulations.
- Food in hermetically sealed containers not produced in licensed facilities is prohibited.
- Food must be sourced and labeled in compliance with all laws.

Market Fees

The Market will collect fees from all Vendors based on the number of booths rented. Fees are normally collected at the end of the market during the checkout process. **Booth rentals are \$25.00 per day.**

Booth Regulations

- Vendors must remove all trash, including produce scraps, by 2:00 pm.
 - Large boxes/crates must remain at the booth and be removed at day's end.
 - Littering is strictly prohibited.
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General Conduct

- Abusive, profane, threatening, or harassing language or actions are prohibited.
 - Threatening behavior, vandalism, or violence will result in immediate and permanent expulsion.
 - Pets are not permitted in the market pavillion
 - Firearms, fireworks, gambling, alcohol, or drugs are not permitted.
 - Smoking is prohibited in the pavilion.
 - Solicitation by non-approved Vendors is not allowed.
 - Vendors are responsible for their employees and agents adhering to Market rules.
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Market Management's Right to Termination

The Market Management (Forward Brunswick) reserves the right to terminate a vendor's participation in the Farmers Market if the vendor fails to comply with any of the market rules, policies, or conditions set forth in this document.

Written notice of the violation will be provided to the vendor, who will have **ten (14)**

days or two weeks from the date of notice to correct the issue.

If the vendor fails to correct the issue within that time, the vendor's participation may be terminated.

Additionally, Market Management may terminate a vendor's participation **with or without cause** after providing **thirty (30) days' written notice** to the vendor.

Indemnification and Liability

Vendors agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Forward Brunswick, the City of Brunswick, Glynn County, and their officers, employees, and volunteers from and against any and all claims, damages, injuries, liabilities, losses, or expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) arising out of or related to the vendor's participation in the Farmers Market.

This includes, but is not limited to, claims for property damage, personal injury, or environmental harm resulting from the vendor's actions, negligence, or failure to comply with applicable laws, regulations, or market policies.

Vendors are responsible for ensuring that their operations do not cause environmental damage or violate any local, state, or federal laws or regulations. Any such violation will be considered a breach of these rules and may result in termination of market participation.

For further information contact our market manager- Jamie Gamby at farmersmarket@forwardbrunswick.org