



The Market at Icehouse Rules and Regulations 2023 Vendor Application

Mission

The Market at Icehouse is primarily intended as a farmer/grower and local artisan market that uses a community-friendly atmosphere to promote, support and encourage local production; while educating citizens on the benefits of eating local, fresh produce and supporting local artists and the Certified SC program.

Rules and Regulations governing The Market have been established by the Town of Lexington.

Carefully read the entire document before signing the Vendor Agreement.

Market Rules of The Market at Icehouse

1. Operating Dates, Time and Vendor Participation

- a. The normal operating schedule for The Market will be **EVERY** Saturday, beginning May 20 – September 30 and will only be cancelled by the discretion of the Market Manager and/or Town Administrator. There will be no Market on July 1 due to the holiday weekend.
- b. The Market hours are 9:00AM until 1:00PM. Vendors should be in place and set up by 8:45 AM. ***Location is Icehouse Amphitheater (107 W. Main St)***
- c. Registration for each Market closes 14 days prior to the date.
- d. Vendors must give 24-hour notice if they will not be attending a Market. If earlier notice is given, the Market Manager can allocate the vacant spot to a daily vendor for one-time only. **All notice must be made in writing.**

- e. If an emergency occurs (such as illness, death or transportation issue) and you cannot attend, please contact **(803) 358-7275**.
- f. After the opening of The Market, vendors must be at their tables prepared to sell, so as to prevent disruptive behavior such as carrying of products across the Market or moving vehicles during times customers are present.
- g. Once unloaded, vehicles **MUST** be moved to the Town Hall parking lot located at 111 Maiden Ln. If a vendor needs closer parking they **MUST** request that from the Market Manager.
- h. Booths **ARE** assigned. Assignments will be sent out the week of each Market. Vendors may **NOT** begin setting up until 8:00, or once staff indicates it is clear to begin.

2. Vendor Criteria, Approval, and Registration Limitations

- a. **Grower/Producer:** Any person, persons or entity, within a 150 mile radius, who is directly involved in the local production of an agricultural product is welcome as a vendor. To compliment sales and address demand, selective resale of agricultural products marked with known farm of origin is permitted (see section B for rules on resell).
- b. **Fruit and Vegetable Reseller:** The Town of Lexington recognizes the fact that not all vendors will be local fruit and vegetable growers, and that The Market needs resale produce vendors to ensure there is an adequate supply of produce. These vendors will be chosen by their ability to acquire quality product and inform customers, **by labeling as to the origin**, buy fresh SC grown products when in season, willingness to work with management and give precedence to actual local grower produced product that is in adequate supply, and grow some product themselves. This type vendor must agree to comply with all these qualities that will be used in their selection. **Any reseller found to not have proper signage for the origin of their products will have their Market privileges withdrawn.**
- c. **Food:** Pre-made food items or items for consumption that are created/made on site are permitted, given that appropriate permits are obtained and that DHEC procedures are followed. It is the responsibility of the vendor to ensure that he/she is in compliance. Home based bakeries, under SC Cottage Food Law, will fall under Arts and Crafts.
- d. **Arts and Crafts:** Any original local craftsperson or artist that makes his/her own work may become a vendor. Priority will be given to artists that produce their craft largely from natural materials and/or original sources. The following categories will be allowed two vendors per week of the Market. Vendors may request additional

categories be added, this decision will be left up to the Market Manager. **Craft vendors will be limited to 9 Markets per year (half the season)**. Resale artwork or crafts are not permitted.

- a Categories include (but are not limited to):
 - i Soap and Lotions
 - ii Hand woodworking
 - iii Laser woodworking
 - iv Pottery
 - v Metal Work
 - vi Screen Printing and Embroidery
 - vii Paintings
 - viii Photography
 - ix Sewn Goods
 - x Wreaths
 - xi Jewelry
 - xii Glass Art
 - xiii Candles
 - xiv Authors
 - xv Home Bakeries, under SC Cottage Food Law
 - b Other items will be considered by the Market Manager. Vendors may request an additional category by writing the Market Manager.
 - c Registration is based on first come first serve, to reserve your space the deposit and rental fee must be paid.
- e. **Booth for a Cause:** Any booth for a cause may apply for a space to provide information, and/or raise money for their cause. All booths must be approved by the Market Manager. Vendors may only sign up for 5 weeks, spots are limited to two booths per week.
- f. **Actions by the Market Manager and/or Town Administrator:** All vendors must complete and sign a vendor agreement/application to be approved by the Market Manager before becoming a vendor. Vendors must carry themselves in a professional manner at all times. The Market Manager and/or Town Administrator reserve the right to prohibit anyone from selling at The Market and may withdraw privileges of any vendor at their discretion.

3. Products

- a. **Raw Agricultural Products:** This category includes fruits, nuts, vegetables, grains and plants.
- b. **Animal Products:** This category includes meats, milk, cheese, eggs, farm-raised fish, honey, wool and other products derived from animals.

- c. **Value-added Agricultural Products:** Includes items made of raw agricultural products produced, grown or raised by vendor. Examples are baked goods, jams, oils, vinegars, woven wool and leather. If not grown or raised by vendor, the vendor must have processed the items themselves in an approved facility. All products must be produced in compliance with item number five of this agreement.
- d. **Non-Agricultural Products:** Arts and crafts that have been made by vendor. Examples: pottery, handmade soap, handcrafted furniture and similar items including artwork.
- e. **Alcohol:** The selling or distribution of beer, wine or alcoholic beverages is **NOT** permitted, unless permission is given by Market Manager or Town Administrator.
- f. **Items in Question:** The Market Manager reserves the right to allow or disallow items in question.

4. Signage

- a. Merchandise (products) must be clearly marked with the farm/business name along with the town or state where grown or produced. All resale items must be labeled with place of origin (only produce is allowed as a resell item).
- b. Prices must be clearly marked for consumer's knowledge.
- c. Advertising within a booth is considered **exempt** from the Town of Lexington Sign Ordinance. Advertising outside a booth is considered **non-exempt** from the Town of Lexington Sign Ordinance.
- d. No vehicle with a sign attached or painted on it may be conspicuously parked in close proximity to the right-of-way in such a way to advertise a business or The Market to the passing motorists or pedestrians.
- e. **ONLY** the Town of Lexington will be allowed to post such signage that it deems necessary to promote The Market with exemption from the Sign Ordinance requirements.

5. Licensing, Inspection Requirements, Insurance and Taxes

Vendors must meet all applicable local, state and federal regulations, inspection regimes and labeling requirements for the products they sell.

Regulations such as (but not limited to):

- a)** Agricultural business license.
- b)** Pesticide licensing and safe use.
- c)** Approval seal on weighing devices granted by the SC Department of Agriculture.
- d)** State sales tax collected as required.
- e)** Organic certification on claimed products as required.
- f)** Food safety, sanitation, health permits and labeling issues that apply to the item (SCDHEC)
- g)** State inspection of nursery stock required for selling whole plants for replanting (packs or pots).
- h)** South Carolina Retail License

Adequate proof of current compliance must be provided prior to selling at The Market. Sellers of livestock products for human consumption must furnish a current copy of their product liability insurance policy to the Market Manager with their application.

Vendors are responsible for their own local and state sales taxes, licenses and permits.

6. Spaces

- a. Vendors will maintain clean booth space. Booths inside the Pavilion will be filled up first, then move to booths around the plaza inside of the Amphitheater. The Town of Lexington will provide (1) 6ft table for booths inside the pavilion space. Booths are defined as a 10x10 space. Once the Pavilion is full vendors that set up on the plaza space will be provided (1) 6ft table and (1) 8x8 tent. Tents are not allowed inside the pavilion and vendors may not use their own tent outside the Pavilion. Trash must be collected and removed by vendors before leaving.
- b. Vendors must supply their own materials such as scales, containers etc. for sale of their goods.

7. Market Manager

The Market will be supervised by a designated staff member of the Town of Lexington, assuming the role of Market Manager, with additional staff or designated volunteer support. The manager's mission is to enforce the Market's rules and regulations for patrons and vendors, to the best of their knowledge, ensuring a safe, healthy environment for all. Any grievance regarding vendors should be directed to the Market Manager and will be subject to an appeal process via the Town Administrator.

8. Fees

There is a \$5.00 fee per week. There is also a \$75.00 refundable deposit due prior to the first Market the vendor is participating. The weekly fee and deposit MUST be paid to hold your spot. The weekly fee is nonrefundable. The deposit will be forfeited if the vendor does not give proper notice for Market attendance, and/or disregarding The Market rules. If the vendor has a Town of Lexington Business License the \$5.00 weekly fee is waived.

9. How to Register

- a) Complete the registration form, and return it by email to market@lexsc.com, or mail to Market at Icehouse, 111 Maiden Ln., Lexington, SC 29072. Do NOT send payment until the application has been approved by Market Management.
- b) The Market staff will process the application and send an invoice for the deposit. Money will **ONLY** be collected by Town of Lexington Finance Department Staff.
- c) Checks must be made out to Town of Lexington.
- d) Payments will only be accepted once an invoice has been created.
- e) When you receive the invoice, please make sure the name and address are correct. The deposit check will be returned to that address.

10. Hold Harmless Clause:

I HEREBY AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE MARKET AT ICEHOUSE, AS WELL AS THE TOWN OF LEXINGTON, ITS STAFF, EMPLOYEES, ELECTED OFFICIALS AND/OR PROPERTY OWNER, FOR AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL DAMAGES, LOSSES, SUITS, LIABILITY AND/OR CAUSES OF ACTION RESULTING FROM PROPERTY DAMAGE, AND/OR FROM PERSONAL INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH, OF MYSELF ARISING OUT OF OR IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH OUR PARTICIPATION IN THE MARKET AT ICEHOUSE PROGRAM, EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT THAT SUCH DAMAGE OR INJURY IS CAUSED BY THE GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT OF THE MARKET AT ICEHOUSE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE OR TAKE ACTION AGAINST THE TOWN OF LEXINGTON, ITS EMPLOYEES, ELECTED OFFICIALS AND/OR PROPERTY OWNER EXCEPT AS SET OUT HEREIN. I FURTHER PERMIT THE MARKET AT ICEHOUSE AND/OR THE TOWN OF LEXINGTON TO USE PHOTOGRAPHS OF ME FOR MARKET PUBLICITY.

ALL VENDORS PARTICIPATING IN THE MARKET AT ICEHOUSE MUST ABIDE BY

THESE RULES. THE TOWN OF LEXINGTON SHALL ENFORCE ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS. PERMITS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MARKET AT ICEHOUSE CAN BE REVOKED BY THE MARKET MANAGER AND/OR TOWN ADMINISTRATOR.



**Market at Icehouse
2023
Vendor Application**

Business Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____ Business Website: _____

Facebook YES NO _____

Instagram YES NO _____

Vendor/ Product Type: _____

Market Dates

(Circle the Date(s) that you wish to reserve as the Market at Icehouse)

	June 3	July 8	August 5	September 2
May 20	June 10	July 15	August 12	September 9
May 27	June 17	July 22	August 19	September 16
	June 24	July 29	August 26	September 23
				September 30

I, _____, agree to be at The Market at Icehouse each date checked above. I understand that I may be forfeiting my space if I do not give the Market Manager at least **one week** (7 days) notice of an absence, unless of an emergency situation.

Applicant Signature and Date: _____