



Hickory WINTER Farmers Market 2022-23 Vendor Application

*Indicates Required Fields – Please print or type legibly.

*Farm/Business Name _____ *Personal Name _____

*Physical address _____ *City _____ *State _____ *Zip _____

Mailing or P.O. Box _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

*Telephone _____ Cell phone _____ County _____

Email _____ Website/Facebook _____

Instagram: _____

In 25 words or less, describe your Farm/business for our website _____

*Certificate of Registration # _____

A copy of your Certificate of Registration (aka Sales & Use Tax #) or Tax Exempt # is required, by NC Tax Laws, to be displayed at your booth. Google NC Department of Revenue to apply for your Certificate of Registration #.

Tracking/Confirmation/Pending #s are acceptable until your business receives the actual # via mail.

*Do you grow/raise/make your own products? Y ___ N ___ *What percentage do you produce for the entirety of the season? _____ One (1) sign only, designating your status, will be issued to your farm/business based on this application. This sign is not interchangeable and will commit you as a “100% producer” or “partial reseller.” If you purchase any % from another source, please provide the name of farm/business & all contact information: _____

Specific products to be sold at the Farmers Market (please attach additional pages if necessary) –

BOOTH SITES are 9x9 or malleable 10x10 ~ the market is located under the Sails in downtown Hickory and the Sails are not waterproof. Applicants are encouraged to contact the market manager prior to purchasing tents and other equipment at hickoryncfarmersmarket@gmail.com or 828-308-6508.

Required Certifications

Please include a current/valid copy of the required certifications – Acidified Foods Manufacturing School (aka “Pickling School”), meat handler's registration, grower's certification, dairy inspection, nursery inspection, Health Department inspections and sanitation grade certificates. Kitchen sanitation grade certificates must be displayed at your booth.

Water & Electricity

SAMPLES ARE ENCOURAGED and cooking is allowed with appliances that DO NOT use propane, create a flame or fry foods. For example; electric griddles/crock pots/microwaves are allowed.

Returning Vendor

The HFM is an evolving market. An Application Review Committee of the Board of Directors reviews new & returning applicants on an annual basis. Any changes/additions must be explained on your current application. Most notably – there are NO GUARANTEES OF ACCEPTANCE and/or booth assignment/location for the current year.

1. How many years have you participated in the Hickory Farmers Market?

New Vendor

Please use a separate sheet if necessary. This is your opportunity to “sell yourself!”

General Background Information:

1. How do you currently sell your products?
2. Do you sell at other farmers markets in the area? If so, which ones and for how long?
3. Have you ever visited a Wednesday or Saturday Hickory Farmers Markets?
4. Is there anything else you want us to know about your products, experiences, or plans?
5. Do you have a storefront? If so, where?

Prepared Food Vendor Background Information:

1. How long have you produced the items you want to sell?
2. In reviewing your application, would you be willing to bring us a sample of your work?
3. What makes your goods different from what already exists at our market?
4. Do you plan on using any local ingredients? (If so, please describe how and from where you source your ingredients)
5. Have you ever worked in a professional kitchen? (Please describe your past kitchen experience)

Farmer Vendor Background Information:

1. How long have you been farming?
2. How much area do you have in production?
3. How long have you been producing these products?
4. What percent of the products you intend to sell are grown on your farm?

Market Dates

*Please indicate what days/months you are applying for to participate in the HFM.

The winter market starts the first Saturday of November 11/6 and closes on the second Saturday of April. Days/hours of operation – November thru mid April 10am – 1pm, Saturdays. The market is closed on December 25, 2021.

*****Please indicate dates/months of requested attendance:**

\$10 per week if paid in advance by the month.

If you are only with us certain dates, the fee is \$15 a market day.

Payment of entire winter market fees in advance receive a 5% discount.

Notice of vendor absences must be made by Thursday night before market day.

A credit will be extended to vendors the next month only if a travel advisory is issued for market day (credit for vendors selecting full season payment will be issued for next season, or a refund provided).

***Vendor fees are due MONTHLY by the 1st week of each month. Payments not made by the 15th will be charged a late fee of \$20 and may result in market suspension.**

| | | Sat. | Planned Absent(s) | | Sat. | Planned Absent(s) |
|-----|--|------|-------------------|-------|------|-------------------|
| NOV | | | | FEB | | |
| DEC | | | | MARCH | | |
| JAN | | | | APRIL | | |

Waiver: I (we) hereby relieve the Hickory Farmers Market (also known as HFM) its agents and employees from any and all liability for any damage, loss, injury or costs associated with or arising from the applicant's use and presence at the HFM; and furthermore, I (we) agree to indemnify and hold the City of Hickory harmless from all claims, costs, and actions occasioned by me for the use and presence at the HFM.

Rules: I (we) have read the HFM Rules and Regulations and Check List for the current year and agree to comply the Rules and Regulations of this agreement and those of the City of Hickory (parking, ordinances, fire regulations, tent weights, etc.) I (we) understand that I (we) must read the Rules and Regulations (inclusive of penalties) and the HFM Check List at www.hickoryfarmersmarket.com and/or request a written copy from the HFM manager in writing. I (we) understand that by not abiding by the established Rules and Regulations and Check List, I (we) will forfeit participation as a vendor, with no refund of pre-paid fees. I (we) agree to allow the market manager or HFM affiliates to visit/tour your farm or business.

***New vendors, please include the required certifications and NO FEE FOR WINTER MARKET and mail to: DHFM, P.O. Box 45, Hickory, NC 28603-0045.**

Notice of your application status will be emailed to the address you have provided.

___ I have downloaded, read and agree to abide by DHFM Rules and Regulations.

Applicant(s) Signature

Date