

**(Market Name) Farmers' Market**  
**Vendor Agreement for Food Stamp & Debit Service Program**  
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The (Market) is implementing a new Food Stamp and Debit Service Program. The market's goal, with you as partners, is to provide a value-added revenue source for the vendors and to offer fresh fruits and vegetables to low income families who are on food stamps. In addition, because we are offering Debit services, we feel confident that the (Market) can increase the overall vendor sales with at the current average crowd count of the market. The markets will promote this program in market signage, press release and in our monthly advertising. All revenues and expenses of the program will be reviewed each year for its value to the market, the farmers and to community.

For consistency in the program and clarity for the market customer, the Board requires that all vendors participate in the program. The fee for the program is \$1 per booth per market. For this fee, the market will sell wooden tokens to customers. Market customers will use these tokens to purchase your products. At the end of the day, vendors will count the tokens and place them in an envelope provided by market manager. At the beginning of the next market, the market manager will return the check and envelop. Vendors will benefit as if they had individual wireless machine without the additional bookkeeping task.

Due to Federal Regulations of the Food Stamp Program, we are asking vendors to sign this agreement to assure they are aware of the rules of the program. The (market) sees this program as a joint responsibility.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ on behalf of my business, \_\_\_\_\_ agree to abide by the rules described herein as they relate to the processing Food Stamp and Debit transactions. I/we agree to follow all USDA Food Stamp Program rules, as outlined on the bottom of this agreement. I/we understand that the Market Board has the right to remove vendors from the market who do not comply with rules.

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Vendor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
DBA or Business Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Market Coordinator/Board Member

**USDA FOOD STAMP PROGRAM RULES**

Food Stamp Benefits can be used to buy:

- fruits, vegetables, meats, fish, poultry, dairy products, seeds and plants intended for growing food.

Food Stamp Benefits can NOT be used to buy:

- non-food items, ready-to-eat foods or hot foods.

You may NOT set a minimum purchase requirement and NO cash can be given as change with Food Stamp Tokens only. Change can be given for \$5 Debit tokens.

**PREPACKAGED FOOD VENDORS:** Food Stamp Customers CANNOT purchase with Food Stamp tokens hot foods that is intended to be eaten on site.