

## **Harrison Farmer's Market Association**

### **Bylaws, Market Rules & Regulations**

1. The market will be open from May 26th to August 25th for the 2008 season.
2. The market will be open on Monday's from 9 am to 1:00 pm. Vendors may begin setting up at 8:00 am and may begin to sell as they are set up. Vendors may remain set up and continue to sell after the 1:00 pm closing time at their discretion.
3. Any dues must accompany a new application each year. Dues have been set for the 2008 season as \$60.00 if paid on or before March 15th and \$75.00 if paid after that date. There will be no additional day charge for this season. The market Members will determine these charges on a yearly basis.
4. New vendors may become Members of the Harrison Farmer's Market by returning a completed application. New Members will be accepted on a vote of the present Members and subject to space availability.
5. For voting purposes, a quorum will be considered to be 2/3rds of the paid Members.
6. Each stall space will be a minimum of 10 feet x 10 feet and can be larger at the discretion of the Market Manager. Each vendor must keep his or her display within the limits set by the Market Manager. Only one vehicle may be parked in each allotted space and more than one market Member may share a stall.
7. Market Members should keep their displays neat and attractive and are responsible for keeping the area clean. All food products must be at least 6 inches off the ground.
8. All vendors are encouraged to display their names as well as the name of their farm and pictures of their farming operation. Farm fliers and business cards can be helpful as well as recipes that feature the produce currently in season. Prices must be clearly displayed.
9. Vendors must conduct themselves in a responsible manner and be cooperative with other Members. Proper attire is expected, including shirts and shoes.

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10. All products offered for sale at the market should be of high quality. Seventy-five percent of the products that you offer for sale must be grown or created on your farm. The twenty-five percent that you may be allowed to purchase for resale must be produced in Maine. You will not be allowed to buy in products that are produced by another market Member. Members will not be allowed to sell bought in items currently being produced and sold by another Member until the producing Member has sold out for the day. This rule may be waived at the discretion of the producing Member. Any disagreements between the producing Member and the buying in Member will revert back the official wording in this rule. Disagreements that cannot be resolved between the Members will be voted on by the Members of the Market either on the market day or at a special meeting called by the disagreeing Members. Any items not produced on your farm must be labeled so as to indicate the name and location of the farm where they originated. Crafts made by the vendor may be sold if approved by the market Members. These crafts must have an agricultural flavor and will require a presentation for approval.
11. Members must participate in at least 75% of the market days that they commit to. The market manager must be called each time that a vendor cannot attend the market and may be excused depending on circumstances. A severe weather event may affect some vendors, however, a tarp or canopy will provide protection from rain and the sun.
12. Any item offered for sale is the sole responsibility and liability of the vendor in regard to quality and safety of that product.
13. All vendors are responsible for product liability insurance and appropriate licenses.
14. Members must permit a visual inspection of their farm in order to verify statements made in the application form or to determine if a violation of the Rules & Regulations has occurred. A three Member Inspection Committee will be selected each year for such inspections. An alternating Member will serve for inspections to a farm run by an Inspection Committee member.
15. Any disputes between Members will be resolved by a majority vote of the Members.

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16. Individuals who are not regular Members may sell at the Market for a day fee of \$10.00 upon a majority vote of the Members and based on space availability. However, individuals wishing to sell at the market for one day with one product considered to be “dumping” of a product may only sell if the product they wish to sell is not currently produced and sold by a Market Member. The producing Member may waive this rule at their discretion. In the event this rule is waived, pricing of the “dumped” item must be inline with the pricing of the producing and selling Member.
17. The Market Rules & Regulations will be reviewed each year and amended as necessary by a majority vote.
18. Amended 10/26/07.