

Pearl Brewery Farmer's Market Association

Rules and Regulations

Any producer can sell at the Pearl Brewery Farmer's Market as long as:

1. He/she is a member of the Pearl Brewery Farmers' Market Association
 2. He/ She produces his/her own products within a 150-mile radius of Pearl Brewery
 3. The member and his/her designated representative shall be in good standing with the Pearl Brewery Farmer's Market Association.
- A. Producer is defined as a person who offers for sale products which he/she has raised, grown or produced on land he/she or an immediate family member owns or leases. All products are subject to state and local health requirements, and licensing; again all products must be locally produced. Locally produced are products that are produced within a 150-mile radius of Pearl Brewery. The association does not allow reselling.
- B. Affiliate Member is defined as an individual or organization that wishes to support the Pearl Brewery Farmer's Market Association by joining as a non-voting member.
- C. Pearl Brewery Farmer's Market will operate markets throughout the year, each day and location will be posted. Opening and closing hours will be selected by the Board of Directors, each member must abide by the hour of opening, and the sale of produce will not begin until the posted hour. Failure to abide by the hour of opening rule can be just cause for the Market Manager to revoke a stop sale against the seller for the day. Market Manager will keep records of all violations and will turn in written reports with the stall fees.
- D. Pearl Brewery Farmer's Market Fiscal year is March 1 until February 28-29 of the following year.

E. Membership:

- 1- Any producer interested in joining the Pearl Brewery Farmers Market may obtain instructions for applying for membership from www.pearlfarmersmarket.com or from a member of the Board of Directors or the Market Manager. A Letter of Interest must be submitted by the producer. The letter will be reviewed at the next scheduled Board of Director meeting. If the Board of Directors determines the market's need for the products offered, the producer will be required to submit an Application for Membership and Producers Statement. Once these forms are received, the Board of Directors will take steps to conduct a site visit and if applicable, sample products. Annual dues are due at this time. This activity will be coordinated with the Market Manager.
- 2- Once the steps in #1 are concluded, the Market Manager will contact the producer and provide them with the Operational Rules and Regulations.
- 3- Each producer is responsible for reviewing the rules and regulations and by-laws before signing the Application for Membership and Producers Statement. By signing these forms, a producer is agreeing to abide by all rules and regulations and by-laws.
- 4- Membership in the Pearl Brewery Farmer's Market will require membership fees/dues. The voting membership fee/dues are \$50.00 annually. Affiliate non-voting member fee is \$100.00 annually. The fees/dues are at the time the producer's membership is approved. New and current members will reapply and pay the membership fee by March 1 of each year.
- 5- Stall fee, per market day, for each 10 x 10 space, will be \$30.00 per day. Producer's truck will not exceed 24 ft. in length. Each farmer will have one (1) truck representing him/her in the market, trucks will not return to sell. A second truck may be allowed during heavy season, but this must have the Board of Directors approval.
- 6- Any new producers who wish to join throughout the year must pay the membership fees/dues according to the above guidelines. He/she will have to be approved by the Board of Directors, inspected by the Board of Directors and approved before he/she can become a member and start to sell. All members will be by invitation only.

F. Market Manager:

- 1- Designated by the authority of Pearl Brewery, LLC, in coordination with the Board of Directors,
 - 2- Will be present at all times on every market meeting day, at least one hour prior to market opening to oversee and be responsible to the Board of Directors for administrative matters during that period, and has the power to perform and enforce the duties designated herewith.
 - 3- The Market Manager shall have the authority and responsibility to:
 - a. Require each member-seller to pay the daily stall fee and agree to abide by all published market rules.
 - b. Assign all truck and stall spaces (if necessary). A limit of one space per farmer at any site (unless agreed at membership meeting). Market Manager will have his/her choice of space which will remain open every week for the manager.
 - c. Maintain a record of daily activities transactions and coordinate same with the Board of Directors at monthly meeting.
 - d. Enforce thorough cleaning of each stall area by seller at the end of each day.
 - e. Require producers to remove bad quality goods from his/her tables, and give refunds to customers that are dissatisfied with products that they have purchased.
 - f. Invoke a suitable penalty to a seller based on their failure to abide by the rules & regulations. Penalties are set by the Board of Directors and will be enforced by the Market Manager.
 - g. Notify the Board of Director's President in case of absence in time for someone to take his/her place.
 - h. Monitor all sampling on premises to assure food safety standards are met. No produce will be plugged or sold cut.
 - i. Not allow any illegal substances on site. Anyone caught may not be allowed to sell for the balance of the year.
 - j. Not permit the consumption of alcohol except at approved events and member's consumption will be monitored.
 - k. Prevent all abusive and vulgar language at any market site. Any member can be removed at once from the site for this reason by the Market Manager.
 - l. Ensure that all members and their help shall be neat and clean and properly dressed to meet the public.
- G. Member complaints will be turned into the Market Manger or Board of Directors in writing. The Board of Directors will review the complaint as soon as possible. Action will be taken by the Board of Directors and presented to the members in writing.
- H. Any violators of any published rules and regulations or by-laws will appear before the Board of Directors on (1) violation, and can be removed for the balance of the year.

I. Any member with manufactured food products must provide proof of a Texas Manufacturer's Food License.

Approved on this day the 20th day of August, 2009 in San Antonio, Texas (Bexar County) on behalf of the members present and voting for approval by:

President: _____
Cora Lamar

Vice-President: _____
John Marrs

Secretary/Treasurer: _____
Peggy Scott