



## Dumas Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Farmers Market Rules and Regulations

### 1. Purpose and Mission

The Dumas Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Farmers Market provides a safe, organized, and community-centered venue for local farmers, ranchers, and artisans to sell fresh, locally grown, or handmade products directly to consumers. The market promotes local agriculture, supports small businesses, and strengthens community connections.

### 2. Market Operations

- Market Days & Hours: Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., located at [address/location].
- Season: Weekend of Memorial Day through first freeze, depending on weather and participation.
- Setup Time: Vendors may begin setting up at 7:00 a.m. and must be ready to sell by 8:00 a.m.
- Cleanup: Vendors must remove all products, trash, and equipment within one hour after market closing.

### 3. Vendor Eligibility

- Vendors must produce, grow, or make the products they sell. Reselling items not produced by the vendor is prohibited unless approved by the Market Manager.
- All vendors must apply annually and be approved before participating.
- Vendors must provide accurate contact information and any required licenses or certifications (food handler's permit, sales tax permit, etc.).

### 4. Application and Fees

- Annual applications must be submitted to the Market Manager by March 1<sup>st</sup> for review and approval.
- Annual fees are \$25. If you don't pay the annual fee its \$15/Saturday
- Booth fees are due prior to setup each market day or according to the payment schedule.
- **If you pay annually and are not coming for a weekend you must let us know by Thursday of that week.**

- Fees are non-refundable unless the event is canceled by the Dumas EDC due to weather or emergency.
- The Market Manager reserves the right to deny or revoke participation for noncompliance.

## **5. Product Guidelines**

- Accepted Products: Fresh produce, meats, beef jerky, eggs, baked goods, honey, jams/jellies, plants, handmade crafts, and other locally made goods.
- Prohibited Items: Unauthorized resale goods, flea market items, firearms, illegal substances, or counterfeit products.
- Food Safety: All food vendors must comply with Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and local health department regulations.
- Sampling: Samples must be pre-portioned and served in a sanitary manner.

## **6. Booth Setup and Conduct**

- Booths must be clean, stable, and visually appealing.
- Vendors must stay within their assigned space and not block walkways or neighboring vendors.
- Signage must clearly display the vendor's business name and prices.
- Vendors are responsible for bringing their own tables, tents, and display materials.
- Tents and signage must be properly secured for safety.
- Must have weights or something heavy to anchor the tents without putting stakes in the ground.

## **7. Behavior and Professionalism**

- Vendors must conduct themselves respectfully toward customers, fellow vendors, and EDC staff.
- No smoking, vaping, or alcohol consumption is allowed within the market area.
- Loud music, shouting, or aggressive sales tactics are prohibited.
- Children and pets must be supervised at all times.

## **8. Health, Safety, and Compliance**

- Vendors are responsible for knowing and following all applicable state and local laws, including the Texas Cottage Food Law.
- Fire extinguishers are required when using open flames or cooking equipment.
- Pets at booths must be leashed and kept away from food items.
- All trash and waste must be properly disposed of in designated containers.

## **9. Weather Policy**

- The market will operate rain or shine unless severe weather creates unsafe conditions.
- The Market Manager will notify vendors of cancellations or delays via phone, text, or email.

## 10. Enforcement and Penalties

- The Market Manager and EDC staff have the authority to enforce all rules.
- Vendors found in violation will receive: Verbal Warning, Written Warning, or Suspension/Removal from the market.
- Serious violations (health violations, aggression, dishonesty) may result in immediate removal.

## 11. Liability

- Vendors assume full responsibility for their products and participation.
- The Dumas EDC is not liable for theft, loss, injury, or damage.
- Vendors are encouraged to carry personal liability insurance.

## 12. Amendments

- The Dumas EDC reserves the right to amend these rules at any time. Notice will be provided to vendors prior to new rules taking effect.

## Dumas EDC Farmers Market Authorization

This document serves as the official Rules and Regulations governing the operation of the Dumas EDC Farmers Market. Vendors agree to comply with all rules and understand that failure to do so may result in removal from the market.

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Market Manager Signature & Date

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For questions, contact Dumas EDC at (806) 934-3332