

The Will Walker Farmers Market and Community Pavilion Rules and Regulations **2020**

With the completion of the new brick based structure, the rules and regulations may see some changes, and these may fluctuate as the season continues. Some will be trial and error. We hope to incorporate arts and crafts sales into the schedule.

*****As per the Governor of Virginia's Executive order number 61, the following rules come foremost in our opening and must be strictly adhered to.**

Effective 12:00 a.m., Friday, May 15, 2020, farmers markets may reopen, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for farmers markets incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

A. On-site shopping is allowed, as long as physical distancing guidelines are followed.

Configure operations to avoid congestion or congregation points.

B. Employees and vendors in customer-facing areas must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.

C. Vendors must supply hand sanitizer stations or hand washing stations for patrons and employees.

D. A thorough cleaning and disinfection of frequently contacted surfaces must be conducted.

E. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

Normal rules for the season:

1. The Town of Chilhowie Farmers Market will open for the 2020 season as allowed by the State of Virginia.
2. The market will be open one day a week, Thursday for produce only from 4-7 P.M.
3. There will be some programs on Thursdays as programming allows.
4. Spaces will be available for the cost of \$5.00 per visit(waived for the 2020 season). The space will be a half pillar to pillar except the two spaces that are smaller, one located on the front, one on the back. All spaces will be assigned by the Market Manager. There will be no sales off the concrete pad unless overflow space is needed.

5. The Chilhowie Farmer's Market will operate as a producer only market. **Vendors are allowed to purchase and sell products that are not in season in this area until the product is in season in this area.** We will have a market manager and the Town Manager for the Town of Chilhowie monitor vendors for this season. No vendor is to sell any produce on Town Property except during Farmer's Market hours.
6. Vendors should RSVP to Manager to let them know if they are planning to attend that week's market and what produce they plan to bring. This will allow manager to advertise to the public using social media.
7. Vendors will have access to the Market thirty minutes prior to the opening for the purpose of unloading and setting up merchandise and they must exit the premises no later than thirty minutes after the closing time. Vendors are not permitted to set up outside of Farmers' market hours.
8. Proper dress and an orderly space will be expected from all vendors. Proper language for a family atmosphere will be required.
9. It is the responsibility of the vendor to satisfy customer complaints.
10. No open flames (grills) are permitted on Market property without the prior approval of the Market Manager.

Types of Merchandise

1. Locally raised produce, fruits, vegetables, plants, flowers and animal products. Items must be Virginia grown within a 30 mile radius of Smyth County. All items sold must be a Virginia Grown Product. We will not allow out-of-state items to be sold at our Market, as we are focused on promoting Virginia Grown goods. Items may be purchased elsewhere for resale at the Chilhowie Farmer's Market only until the item is in season within the area. The Town of Chilhowie's market will operate as a producer-only market.
2. Homemade baked goods, prepared foods, honey, jams, jellies, canned foods and beverages are acceptable as long as they meet all State health requirements and are produced by the vendor selling them. Vendors are encouraged to use as many locally produced ingredients as possible. Items may be purchased elsewhere for resale at the Chilhowie Farmers' Market until the item is in season within the area.

Compliance with all Health Department and Department of Agriculture guidelines and restrictions is the sole responsibility of the vendor. Vendors must be able to demonstrate to the AFM Market Manager their compliance with all guidelines. All vendors who are planning to sell prepared food should contact Chris Salyer of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Safety to discuss how to comply with current inspection requirements. You can reach him at 276-220-3210 or Christopher.Salyer@vdacs.virginia.gov
3. Meats must be processed in a USDA inspected facility and have a Department of Agriculture Stamp (except poultry). *All meat inspections are the responsibility of the vendor.*
4. The Market Manager has the authority to inspect all items sold to ensure these rules and guidelines are being abided by appropriately and to ensure that such sales conform to Market

Rules. All vendors may be subject to an on-site inspection to verify local production at any point during the market season.

5. During Farmers' Market Hours, absolutely no yard sale and/or flea market selling or anything construed as such will not be allowed.

License, Tax, Permits

Any person using the Farmers' Market for the purpose of selling or offering for sale any items on the premises must comply with all applicable Federal, State, and Local Ordinances. The collection and filing of all related taxes will be the responsibility of the individual vendor.

Sanitation, Health, and Safety

1. The vendors will be responsible for the collection and removal of all refuse generated from sales and activity at their space. Corn husks should be cleaned up before leaving.
2. It is unlawful to sell or consume alcoholic beverages on Market property.
3. Potentially hazardous food items (meat, poultry, etc.) stored or displayed prior to sell shall be maintained at a temperature of 45 degrees F or below. An ice chest with a drain can be used for cooling. The new structure contains outlets to be used for temporary coolers to help with keeping meat cool.

Special regulations for Chilhowie Market

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1. Waive \$5.00 usage fee for vendors for this season.
2. Vendors will be spaced with a stall between each until participation number makes it not possible.
3. No touching of produce should be allowed by patrons; vendors should bag produce and can even pre-bag produce if desired.
4. Patrons should come as a single member shopping if possible. We realize some patrons may need help
5. Please be flexible and patient.