

**Independence Uptown Farmers Market**  
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The market will operate on Saturdays between 8:00 am and 1:00 pm from May through October , and also on Wednesdays between 8:00 am and 1:00 pm from June through August , except that the market will be closed on the Wednesday and Saturday before Labor Day.

The sellers fee's will be listed on a separate sheet.

Requests from those leasing for the season to maintain the same space will be given consideration.

The selling spaces in the enclosed structure are 8'x8' and the open air spaces are approximately 9'x18'

**THIS IS A GROWERS ONLY MARKET! PRODUCE THAT IS SHIPPED  
IN OR PURCHASED AT AUCTION IS NOT ALLOWED!**

The market will operate in compliance with all city laws and in compliance with the following rules : Only the following items are to be sold at the market.

1. Produce (whole fruits and vegetables)
2. Plants (nursery stock and/or perennials must have current inspection certificate by the the state entomologist). Call 573-751-5505 for information.
3. Acidified foods (salsa, BBQ sauce, peppered jams & jellies, and pickles) made under a health permit of local jurisdiction, and vendor must have process reviewed by a process authority, record the pH of each batch, and have attended a Better Process Control School. An exception may be made for vendors selling uncanned salsa if the product is made under a health department of local jurisdiction and kept in a cold holding unit at 41<sup>o</sup> F or below. Cold holding unit must be equipped with a temperature measuring device accurate to ± 2<sup>o</sup> F.
4. Pasteurized cheese made under health permit of local jurisdiction, in a licensed plant, kept in a cold holding unit at 41<sup>o</sup>F or below. Cold holding unit must be equipped with a temperature measuring device accurate to ± 2<sup>o</sup> F.
5. Meat from an approved source with a USDA/MDA stamp and kept in a cold holding unit at 32<sup>o</sup> F or below. Cold holding unit must be equipped with a temperature measuring device accurate ± 2<sup>o</sup> F. Vendors must be registered with the Missouri Meat & Poultry Inspection Program.
6. Jams and Jellies made under health permit of local jurisdiction or under state exemption with a placard displayed in a prominent location stating the following: "This product has not been inspected by the Department of Health and Senior Services."
7. Baked Goods ( breads,pies,cakes,muffins,etc) made under health permit of local jurisdiction. Baked goods from a non-certified kitchen may be sold if label so states and the name of preparer and an ingredient listing is provided.
8. Processed baked goods (pre-made baked goods that are processed/altered by the vendor made under health permit of local jurisdiction.

9. Honey made by a seller who provides a copy of a satisfactory inspection report from the state or county health authority, dated within the last year or under State exemption.
10. Eggs sold under a Missouri Department of Agriculture Egg License and kept in a cold holding unit at 41°F or below. Cold holding unit must be equipped with a measuring device accurate to  $\pm 2^{\circ}\text{F}$ .
11. Food items sold by mobile food units with a business license and health permit issued by the City of Independence, Missouri as allowed by City Code.

**REQUIRED HEALTH PERMITS MUST BE DISPLAYED IN PUBLIC VIEW**

12. Handmade Craft Items are allowed but no manufactured items or deemed obscene, dangerous or unlawful including drug paraphernalia, butterfly knives, all knives, throwing stars and brass knuckles
13. Dogs, cats or any animals are prohibited from market grounds except for police dogs and assist animals accompanying disabled persons.
14. The Independence Farmers Market shall be entirely SMOKE FREE. Smoking will be strictly prohibited within the boundaries of the market while it is in progress. This policy applies to all employees, vendors and customers.
15. Sanitation: No samples of sliced or diced produce is allowed without permit. All cut for display produce shall be covered by plastic wrap for pest control. All containers (sacks, cartons, etc) for customers must be new & unused. Bags may be paper, plastic or customers own shopping bags. Vendors are responsible for cleaning their sales area and removing all trash and debris.
16. Seller, members of the sellers household or employees of seller, must locally grow all produce prepare all food items or make craft items. Employees of the seller must provide a written authorization to act for the seller. Purchased produce or craft items may not be offered for sale. Only items of good quality may be offered for sale. Items sold must be grown or made within the City of Independence or within a 100 mile radius of the city limits.
17. Solicitors or collection drivers or other than authorized sellers shall be prohibited on the grounds of the Farmers Market.
18. The Market Operator has the authority to refuse to allow a potential seller not in compliance with these rules or any applicable federal, state or local laws or regulations to display produce at the Farmer's Market or remove from the Farmer's Market a seller who is violating these rules. Such decision is final on that market day, but may be appealed to the City Health Director for future market days.
19. The Market Operator has the authority to settle any disputes between sellers or between sellers and buyers to the extent that the Market Operator can order either or both to be removed from the grounds of the Farmer's Market.
20. Sellers shall be responsible for obeying all state and federal regulations on weights and measures in their sales. Random scale inspections are conducted by the state. There is \$15.00 annual inspection fee required if you use a scale for produce sales.
21. All produce and food vendors will be required to accept EBT & Match tokens for purchases by our "Food Stamp Customers". These tokens will be redeemed at the close of each market day. Debit tokens are also available for your customers. Please verify that all tokens have our city logo or they will not be redeemed. Red tokens are for all edible products, Purple tokens are for fruits & vegetables ONLY. Debit tokens are wooden and are \$5.00 each

The Independence Farmers Market participates in EBT (Food Assistance) and Debit Service Programs. Our goal is to provide a value-added revenue source for the vendors and to offer fresh fruits and vegetables to low income families who receive food assistance (food stamps). In addition, because we are offering debit services, we can increase overall vendor sales. The market will promote this program in market signage, press releases, and in advertising. For consistency in the program and clarity for our customers it will be required for all produce vendors to participate. The customers will use tokens to purchase your products. At the end of the day the Vendor will cash tokens in with the Market Manager for cash or check. Vendors can benefit as if they had their own credit card machine. **PLEASE CHECK YOUR TOKENS,**

### **ONLY INDEPENDENCE TOKENS WILL BE REDEEMED**

The red plastic (EBT) tokens have \$1.00 value and have our logo on them.  
The purple-plastic tokens have \$1.00 value and are the match tokens, they have the "Double Up Food Bucks" logo on them.  
No change may be given on these two types of tokens.  
The (Debit) tokens have \$5.00 value and are wooden and have our Cities logo.  
Change may be given for these tokens only.

### **USDA Food Assistance Program Rules**

**Food Assistance Benefits (tokens) can be used to buy:**

**Fruits and Vegetables, Seeds and Plants intended for growing food.**

**All other USDA approved food items.**

**You may not set a minimum purchase requirement for a shopper using Food Assistance tokens.**

**Food Assistance Benefits (tokens) cannot be used to buy:**

**Non-food items, ready to eat hot foods, Non-food producing plants, pet food, vitamins or supplements.**

**The "Double Up Food Bucks" match program will allow us to double the food stamp tokens for the EBT customers. Please instruct all of your sales staff to verify the tokens have the City of Independence logo.**

### **THE MARKET IS OPEN FROM 8:AM TILL 1:PM**

**Vendor set up time will start at 7:AM and all vehicles removed before the market opens. For customer safety vendors must remain at the market until 1:PM. Vendors are required to provide their own equipment, including tables, chairs, etc.. All tables must have table dressing and it must be kept neat and clean with no rips or tears. All products, containers, boxes etc... must be in good repair and free of sharp edges that might be injurious to the public. Vendors must keep all aisles clear and safe for the public.**

# **INDEPENDENCE UPTOWN MARKET**

## **MARKET VENDOR FEE'S**

### **SATURDAY-----DAILY RATE**

**\$25.00 per selling space**

### **SATURDAY-----SEASON RATE**

**\$350.00 per selling space**

**\$275.00 additional spaces**

**payable in advance**

### **WEDNESDAY-----DAILY RATE**

**\$25.00 per selling space**

### **WEDNESDAY-----SEASON RATE**

**\$190.00 per selling space**

**\$140.00 additional spaces**

**payable in advance**

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO  
INDEPENDENCE FARMERS MARKET**

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## Contract to lease selling spaces for the Farmer's Market

Date: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
Drivers License #: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail : \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby agree to lease \_\_\_selling spaces per market day on Saturdays and/or\_\_\_ spaces on Wednesdays at the Independence Farmers Market.

I understand that this is a GROWERS ONLY market and that I am a produce/plant grower.

Selling produce grown by another local farmer is acceptable if the market is notified. Produce that is shipped in or purchased at AUCTIONS is not allowed. Violators will be asked to leave the market and no refunds will be given !!

I have received a copy of the current market rules, fee's and restrictions and agree to comply accordingly. I certify that any produce, plant or craft item offered for sale has been grown or made by me in accordance with market regulations.

Accepted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

Due to Federal Regulations of the Food Assistance Program, we require produce vendors to sign this agreement to assure that they are aware of the rules of the program.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, on behalf of my business, \_\_\_\_\_ agree to abide by the rules described herein as they relate to processing Food Assistance and Debit/Credit card transactions. I agree to follow all USDA Food Assistance rules, as outlined on this agreement. I understand that the Market Manager has the right to remove vendors who do not comply with these rules. Tokens from other markets will not be redeemable!!!!

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Vendor Date: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

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Change can be given for \$5.00 debit tokens
- EBT TOKENS cannot be used to buy:** Non- food items, ready to eat hot foods, Non-food producing plants, pet foods, vitamins or supplements.
- DOUBLE UP FOOD BUCKS tokens:** Can be used to purchase fruits and vegetables only.
- DEBIT AND CREDIT TOKENS:** Can be treated as cash and change may be given.