

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF BARTOW

**CARTERSVILLE FARMERS MARKET  
OPERATION AND FUNDING  
AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 by and between Bartow County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, the City of Cartersville, a municipal corporation chartered under the laws of the State of Georgia, and the Cartersville-Bartow Convention and Visitors Bureau.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Bartow County, the City of Cartersville and the Cartersville-Bartow Convention and Visitors Bureau have a mutual desire to improve health outcomes in Bartow County by increasing citizens access to fresh produce and local foods; and

WHEREAS, the Cartersville Farmers Market is a community market supported by Bartow County Government, the City of Cartersville, the Cartersville-Bartow Convention and Visitors Bureau, local farmers, community members and a host of other local agencies; and

WHEREAS, the parties entered into an intergovernmental agreement in 2020 to share in the cost of funding a Farmers Market Coordinator position for the purpose of revitalizing the downtown Cartersville Farmers Market, the primary duties thereof are to promote the Market, recruit vendors, enforce market rules and collect critical data associated with the operation of a successful and vital local farmers market; and

WHEREAS, the parties agree that the revitalization of the downtown Farmers Market will continue to increase community awareness, recruit new vendors, encourage community wellness initiatives and create a sense of community and therefore deem it to be in the best interest of the citizens of Bartow County to amend the intergovernmental agreement for the purpose of increasing funding as deemed appropriate in order to continue to provide this vital community project; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant Article IX, Section III, Paragraph I of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, the parties may contract with one another for the provision of services for any period not exceeding fifty (50) years; and

WHEREAS, the parties have each reviewed this Agreement and have agreed to increase funding into the Farmers Market Program initiative as hereinafter stated.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual benefits and promises contained herein, it is agreed as follows:

1.

The City of Cartersville agrees to continue providing the venue space for the “Farmers Market” in downtown Cartersville at the Founders Oak Parking Lot. The City shall delegate responsibilities to the Farmers Market Coordinator regarding the approval and/or denial of vendor permits and the collection of fees associated with the issuance of vendor permits for the market.

2.

The Bartow County Extension Office will continue to be the designated host department for the Farmers Market Coordinator position. The Coordinator shall be under the direct supervision of the Director of the Bartow County Extension Office. The Extension Office shall provide supplies, equipment, travel expenses, training and other support as deemed necessary and appropriate and shall assume responsibility for the market’s fiscal compliance and accountability transactions, including but not limited to vendor permits, donations, grants and expenses. All transactions for the operation of the Farmers Market, including vendor permits, donations, grants and expenses shall be handled through the Bartow County Extension Office 501c3 account.

3.

The County, the City and the CVB agree to equally share in the cost of the salary for the Coordinator position, each party providing \$7,000 annually toward the position.

4.

This Agreement, as amended, shall be made effective as of January 1, 2023 and shall continue on an annual basis until such time as the parties determine the project is complete, the position of Market Coordinator is no longer considered to be a viable component for the success of the Farmers Market, or the parties agree that the continuation of the agreement is no longer necessary or appropriate.

5.

This Agreement contains all the terms and conditions and represents the entire understanding of the parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, County and City have caused this Agreement to be fully executed by their proper authorities and attested with their official seals affixed hereto, as set forth in triplicate originals.

SIGNATURES

CITY OF CARTERSVILLE

BARTOW COUNTY

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew Santini  
Mayor

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Steve Taylor  
Commissioner

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Julia Drake  
City Clerk

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Kathy Gill  
County Clerk

CARTERSVILLE-BARTOW CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Steven Schumacher  
President

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_