



April 2, 2025

Dear Sandy City Council,

On behalf of the Mount Hood Farmers Market, we would like to formally request the closure of Scales Avenue for the duration of our 2025 market season. Specifically, we are requesting Scales Avenue be closed every Friday from **1:15 PM to 7:15 PM**, beginning **May 16, 2025, through October 3, 2025**.

The Mount Hood Farmers Market has been a vibrant centerpiece of our community for the past ten years. Each week, we bring together a diverse group of local farmers, artisans, and food vendors, and offer free community programs, youth activities, and live music. We proudly support access to healthy food through SNAP, Double Up Food Bucks (DUFBS), and the Power of Produce (POP) programs.

In 2023, the market grew beyond the capacity of our designated space, and we were granted permission to close Scales Avenue for the second half of the season. In 2024, we were fortunate to expand onto Scales Avenue for most of the season, though we scaled back road usage near the end due to a decrease in vendor attendance as the season wound down.

Given our continued growth, we are requesting approval to utilize Scales Avenue for the **entire 2025 market season**. In 2023, we averaged 37 vendors per week. In 2024, that number increased to 42 vendors. For 2025, we anticipate a weekly average of at least 40 vendors. Several new food vendors will be joining us, and expanding into Scales Avenue will help ensure compliance with fire safety regulations and provide ample space for seating, dining, and enjoying our weekly music performances.

We deeply value the support the City of Sandy has shown to the market, and we believe this expansion will enhance the community experience for all attendees.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at mhfm@antfarmyouthservices.com or **503-482-9358**.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Warm regards,
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