



FARMER'S MARKET VENDOR APPLICATION

BRAZORIA COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

111 E. Locust Bldg A-29, Ste. 270, Angleton, TX 77515

Farmer's Market Annual Permit Fee **\$100**

979-864-1600

LIST OF MARKETS ATTENDING: _____

FARMER'S MARKET ADDRESS: _____

CITY LIMITS ☒ yes ☐ no: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

FREQUENCY/DATES: _____

BOOTH NAME: _____

APPLICANT NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE # (S): _____

EMAIL: _____

FOOD HANDLER PROGRAM NAME: _____

SOURCE OF FOOD SOLD: _____

LIST OF FOOD TO BE SOLD: _____

ARE ALL FOODS PRE-PACKAGED? ☐ yes ☐ no

DO FOODS SOLD REQUIRE TEMPERATURE CONTROL? ☐ yes ☐ no

WILL FOOD BE PREPARED AT THE MARKET? ☐ yes ☐ no

I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE ATTACHED INFORMATION SHEET
ON FOOD SERVICE SANITATION.

DATE

SIGNATURE

OFFICE USE:

DATE

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Requirements for a Farmers' Market Vendor Permit

A Farmers' Market Vendor Permit is required from Brazoria County Environmental Health Department (BCEH) for a farmer or producer selling food at a farmers' market is located in unincorporated areas of Brazoria County or a city whose food establishments are inspected and permitted by BCEH.

A **Farmers' Market Vendor Permit** applies to vendors selling the following foods at a farmers' market:

- yard eggs,
- temperature controlled food, or
- food prepared at the market for sale.

Food is defined by law* as "An agricultural, apicultural, horticultural, silvicultural, viticultural, or vegetable product for human consumption, in either its natural or processed state, that has been produced or processed or otherwise has had value added to the product in this state. The term includes:

- (A) fish or other aquatic species;
- (B) livestock, a livestock product, or livestock by-product;
- (C) planting seed;
- (D) poultry, a poultry product, or a poultry by-product;
- (E) wildlife processed for food or by-products;
- (F) a product made from a product described by this subdivision by a farmer or other producer, including a cottage food production operation, who grew or processed the product; or
- (G) produce."

A **Farmers' Market Vendor Permit** may be purchased by a farmer or food producer for use at all Farmers' Markets in the BCEH jurisdiction.

A **Farmers' Market Vendor Permit** is not needed for:

- Produce sold in its natural state,
- Small honey production operation,
- Pre-packaged foods that do not require temperature control and are prepared at a location permitted by a regulatory authority. These foods must be properly labeled according to state requirements,

- Cottage food that is prepared, packaged and labeled according to law as defined by the Texas Health and Safety Code §437, and remains packaged for the duration of the event,

or

- Samples of food.

Requirements for a **Farmers' Market Vendor Permit**:

- Any preparation and distribution of food must be conducted according to the handout:

Temporary Food Establishment Compliance Requirements

- A valid and current manufacturer's license or other applicable state license, when required, must be provided upon request.

The **Farmers' Market Vendor Permit** is valid:

- for one year from the date of purchase
- at farmers' markets as defined by law*
 - A Farmers' Market Vendor Permit is only valid at a farmers' market that is fifty-one percent or more farmers or food producers

*The Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 437, TAC 25 §229, and Rules for the Regulation of Food Establishments in Unincorporated Areas of Brazoria County, Texas

To obtain a **Farmers' Market Vendor Permit**:

1. Complete the Farmers' Market Vendor Application

2. Submit required documents

3. Submit Payment to Brazoria County Environmental Health Department:

- o To make a payment online for a permit, please use the emailed invoice link.

- o By mail: enclose the permit application and the \$100 fee (check) to BCEH

- o In person (cash, check, or credit card**) at BCEH

Brazoria County Environmental Health, 111 E. Locust (West Annex Bldg.), Suite 270, Angleton, Texas 77515, Monday through Friday, 8:00am - 4:30pm.