



2026 Jackson Township Market Vendor Rules & Regulations

Location, Dates, and Hours

1. The Jackson Township Market will be held at Jackson's North Park in the Amphitheater/Tennis Court parking lot. This parking lot is located off Fulton Road or Community Parkway on the east side of the Amphitheater. The Market will be open every Thursday from July 16 through September 16. Hours of the Market are from 3:00pm until 6:00pm.
2. Vendors may begin to set up one (1) hour prior to the Market opening.
3. All set up must be complete prior to the Market start time. Jackson Township staff has the sole discretion to decide if those arriving late are able to participate.
4. All vendors must stay at their vendor booth selling products until the market closes or until the vendor's products are depleted, with the exception of inclement weather or at the Township's discretion.
5. All vendors must register with the Jackson Township Administration Department prior to participating in the Market.

Space Assignments

1. Any vendor unable to attend a sale must notify Jackson Township Administration Department (330-832-7416) no later than two (2) days prior to the sale day. This will allow the space to be filled by an alternate.
2. Vendor space is limited to a maximum of 16 produce vendors and 16 craft vendors. Jackson Township reserves the right to place vendors in different locations to provide the best possible market diversity.
3. The market may accommodate up to two food and/or beverage trucks per week. Selection and participation is at the sole discretion of Jackson Township and are subject to change on a weekly basis based on market needs.
4. A space size is 12' x 12'. **It is the vendor's responsibility to securely stake their tent or canopy. Unstaked tents or canopies are strictly prohibited.**
5. The vendor is required to provide their own chairs, tent, canopy, other display equipment, to include electric or water needs. Jackson Township does not provide electric or water to vendors.

6. Vendors must display a sign on their table identifying their farm or business. The signs must not intrude into the walkway.
7. Goods must be displayed within market space. No sales from vehicles are permitted without the permission of Jackson Township staff.

General Guidelines

1. Two (2) No call/No shows by a vendor will cause suspension from participating in the market for the remainder of the season.
2. No CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) sales or deliveries or transactions are permitted before, during, or after the Markets on Township property.
3. Vendors are to set their own prices. For customer ease, prices for all items are to be clearly marked.
4. No loud music or shouting of prices.
5. It is the vendor's responsibility to obtain all licenses and permits, and pay any fees required by State or local government. This includes the vendor's license for goods sold for which a sales tax must be collected.
6. Scales must be accurate and are required to have Stark County inspection of weights and measures.
7. Vendors must comply with all laws, ordinances, and regulations of the United States, State of Ohio, Stark County, and Jackson Township.
8. Vendors will keep their area clean and free of debris during the market and will clean up their area after the Market.
9. Vendors are encouraged to assist in promoting the Market.
10. No pets are allowed in North Park, including at the Market.
11. No live animals may be sold or given away at the Jackson Township Market.
12. Jackson Township reserves the right to prohibit the sale of any item by any individual vendor.

Vendor Parking

Only one vendor vehicle may park near their area for stocking purposes only. Trucks parked on an incline must have their wheels chocked.

Available Products

Jackson Township has the right to monitor the products that are for sale by vendors and restrict the sale of items that do not meet the mission and standards of the market. Items offered at the Market may also be restricted to help maintain a diverse market for the customers.

1. All products labeled certified organic must be certified by an accredited organization in accordance with the rules of the National Organic Program.
2. Fresh unprocessed fruits or vegetables.
3. Bakery products and other “cottage foods” must meet all labeling requirements.
4. Flowers, plants, bulbs, and/or seed must be locally grown production. No imported items will be permitted for sale.
5. Eggs or food items requiring refrigeration must be in compliance with food storage regulations.
6. All edible products sold at the market must be grown or produced using natural, agricultural ingredients. Fresh, locally sourced products are encouraged.
7. No alcoholic beverages are permitted on the premises. With respect to firearms and other weapons see the Jackson Township Park Rules and Regulations, Section 101.06.
8. The sale of flea market, vintage or second-hand items is prohibited. All non-produce goods must be handmade, handcrafted or originally produced by the vendor.
9. Any dispute concerning products must be appealed in writing to the Township Administrator. The Township Administrator’s decision is final and not appealable to the Board of Trustees of Jackson Township.

Compliance

1. Vendors must comply with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations, licenses, and permits, including but not limited to those required by the Ohio Department of Agriculture, USDA (614-728-6250), and local health departments (330-493-9904), as applicable to their products. Food vendors may be required to obtain a license from the Stark County Health Department. Craft and artisan vendors must comply with any applicable sales, production, or labeling regulations. Copies of all required licenses must be provided to Jackson Township with the application and displayed within the vendors’ space.
2. The Jackson Township Farmers’ Market is not responsible for the enforcement of federal, state, or local regulations, including USDA, Ohio Department of Agriculture, or local health department requirements. Each vendor is solely responsible for understanding and complying with all regulations applicable to their products and operations.
3. All vendors are independent entities and are responsible for complying with applicable laws and regulations, including the collection and payment of all federal, state, and local taxes. Vendors are solely responsible for their products, services, displays, and operations, including any claims related to product quality, safety, or use. Personal and product liability remains the responsibility of the vendor.

Insurance and Permitting

1. Jackson Township will maintain a general liability insurance policy for the duration of the Market season. Vendors are not required to provide proof of insurance or list the Township as additionally insured. However, each vendor remains solely responsible for any liability arising from their products, services, equipment, or conduct.
2. Food truck/trailers and beverage truck/trailers vendors may participate, by invite, in the Market upon approval by Jackson Township, at its sole discretion. Individual transient vendor permits will not be required, as the Township will obtain the necessary permitting to cover approved vendors for the duration of the market. All vendors must still comply with the applicable health department regulations and licensing requirements.

Amended March 8, 2024

Food Vendor Compliance

1. General Compliance

All food vendors must comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including those set forth by the Ohio Department of Agriculture, applicable health departments, and the Ohio Revised Code and Administrative Code. Vendors are responsible for understanding and adhering to all requirements related to the preparation, handling, labeling, and sale of food products.

2. Cottage Food Operations

Vendors operating under Ohio's Cottage Food Production Operation law must comply with all provisions of Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 901:3-20.

Permitted cottage food products include only those approved by the State of Ohio, such as non-potentially hazardous baked goods, jams, jellies, candies, dry mixes, granola, popcorn products, roasted coffee, dried herbs, and similar shelf-stable items.

Cottage food vendors:

- May not sell potentially hazardous foods (items requiring refrigeration or temperature control).
- May not sell home-canned or acidified foods not approved under cottage food law.
- Must ensure all products are properly prepared and stored in accordance with state guidelines.

3. Labeling Requirements

All cottage food products must be properly labeled in accordance with Ohio law, including applicable sections of the Ohio Revised Code and 21 CFR Part 101. Labels must be affixed to each product and include all required information.

Products that are not properly labeled may not be sold at the market.

4. Licensed Food Vendors & Food Trucks

Vendors selling food items outside of the approved cottage food list (including hot foods, prepared foods, or beverages) must obtain all required permits and licenses, including those issued by the Stark County Health Department or other applicable regulatory agencies.

All required licenses must be submitted with the vendor application and displayed within the vendor's space during market hours.

5. Sampling

Vendors offering food samples must comply with all applicable health department regulations and safe food handling practices.

6. Inspections & Enforcement

All food products are subject to inspection and sampling by the Ohio Department of Agriculture or its authorized representatives to ensure compliance with applicable laws regarding food safety, labeling, and product integrity.

Jackson Township is not responsible for the enforcement of state or federal regulations; however, the Township reserves the right to request documentation, inspect vendor spaces, and prohibit the sale of any item that does not meet applicable requirements.

7. Vendor Responsibility

All vendors are independent operators and are solely responsible for their products, food safety practices, and compliance with all applicable regulations. Vendors assume all liability for any claims, damages, or issues arising from the sale or consumption of their products.