



## Vendor Application General Information

### About Grand Prairie Farmers Market

In 2006, the City of Grand Prairie began an initiative aimed at revitalizing the old downtown. In 2008, the City completed a \$6 million renovation of the historic Uptown Theater into a performance center – a project that included a streetscape renovation/reconfiguration providing new pedestrian friendly amenities, broadening sidewalks and creating parallel parking in place of head-in.

In October 2009, the City completed the construction of Market Square, a new Farmers Market facility on Main Street that included the renovation of a quarter block streetscape as well. The Grand Prairie Farmers Market, operated by the City of Grand Prairie Parks, Arts and Recreation Department, has been successful from the beginning. Well received by the community, Grand Prairie Farmers Market has provided some great support for Market vendors as well as the existing businesses on Main Street adjacent to Market Square. We are committed to continue providing our community with the very best locally grown and produced products, as well as unique and high-quality handcrafted goods.

The Grand Prairie Farmers Market brings together families, friends, neighbors, visitors and local food producers to create a sense of community and social gathering for a few hours every Saturday.

Our market is open every Saturday during the season, rain or shine, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Our 2020 Season is April 4 – December 12, excluding last two weeks of November. Special events will be held throughout the market season.

### Vendor Fees

The Grand Prairie Farmers Market will charge vendor fees of \$10.00 per Saturday to be paid each week; however, permit fees will be waived. In exchange for waived permitting fees, all participating vendors will be encouraged to give back to the market in the form of donated market items or volunteer time for charity events scheduled throughout the season. Donations will help fund the Grand Prairie Farmers Market and downtown revitalization and beautification. Requests will be reasonable.

## General Information for Market Vendors

Farmers are recommended to sell regionally grown products as available. All produce and products must be clearly labeled every market day as to where they were grown or produced. In the instance of extreme shortage of Texas grown product, out of state produce may be sold provided clear labeling is in place.

The Grand Prairie Farmers Market also welcomes artisans and vendors who offer unique and quality handmade or handcrafted work and products. The Market Manager and the City of Grand Prairie will determine participation. All decisions are final.

Vendor booths for independent sales consultants, direct selling businesses, 2-step distribution and multi-level marketing organizations are not allowed at the Grand Prairie Farmers Market.

If you prepare food that doesn't fall under the Texas Cottage Food laws, in your home or in an unlicensed facility, you may not sell or serve at the market.

The Grand Prairie Farmers Market offers space, when available, to city and community organizations at no cost for educational and outreach purposes only.

Fund-raising opportunities are also available for non-profit organizations. Items offered for sale will be by approval only. Sales of items that compete with our vendors is strictly forbidden.

Food vendors may not sell at the market until a health permit has been issued.

## Steps to Become a Vendor

The goal of the Grand Prairie Farmers Market is to provide quality Texas grown and produced products to the community and our visitors. All applications are reviewed and final approval of vendor participation and sales of non-Texas grown or produced products will be determined by the Market Manager and the City of Grand Prairie.

**Step 1:** *Before* you apply,

- Read Market Rules and Regulations\*
- If you are a food vendor (selling food of any type), submit the Food Vendor Interest Questionnaire.\*

**Step 2:** Submit an application\* (depending on your type of products/services). For Food Vendors, a Health Permit Application\* is also required.

**Step 3:** After receiving verification that a vendor booth is available, a request to submit a sample for quality review may be required.

**Step 4:** You will receive confirmation of your participation in the market via phone call or email from the Market Manager.

\*Links to application forms and Market Rules & Regulations are available on the [Market Applications page](#) of the Farmers Market website. (If you do not have Internet access, call 972-237-4599 to request a copy of the Rules & Regulations be mailed to you.)