




# TOWN OF FAIRFAX

## STAFF REPORT

### July 16, 2014

**TO:** Mayor and Town Council

**FROM:** Garrett Toy, Town Manager 

**SUBJECT:** Waive application fee of \$813 for Agricultural Community Events Farmers Markets to apply for a use permit to extend the Fairfax Farmers' Market from October to December at St. Rita's church.

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#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Waive the application fee of \$813 for Agricultural Community Events Farmers Markets to apply for a use permit to extend the Fairfax Farmers' Market from October to December at St. Rita's church.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Agricultural Community Events Farmers Markets (ACEFM) has operated the Fairfax Farmers' Market at Bolinas Park since May 2013. Typically, the Farmers' Market (Market) starts April/May and ends in September/October. ACEFM has expressed interest in extending the Market through December. ACEFM has an agreement with St. Rita's church to operate the Market in their parking lot from October to December. Town code requires ACEFM to apply for a use permit to operate a Farmers' Market on private property. Use permits are subject to review and approval by the Planning Commission at a public hearing. As the Market is, in essence, a weekly community event and amenity, staff recommends the waiver of the \$813 use permit application fee. Due to the potential damaging impact to the grass, continuing the Market at Bolinas Park beyond October would not be a good idea. However, staff is supportive of the Market continuing at St. Rita's church.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Nominal loss of \$813 application fee

#### **Attachments:**

None