

Downtown Mebane Farmers Market (DMFM)

By-Laws

Article I, Location

Downtown Mebane Farmers Market (DMFM) is located at 102 E. Ruffin Street Mebane, NC 27302 adjacent to Dollar General and the Downtown Mebane Pocket Park.

The DMFM Mailing Address is Mebane Arts & Community Center, 633 Corregidor Street Mebane, NC 27302.

Article II, Mission and Purpose

Our mission statement sets our focus for the coming years: the MISSION of the Downtown Mebane Farmers Market is to support a diverse group of local farmers, artists, and producers by providing a clean, friendly, and vibrant atmosphere in which they can sell their goods directly to all members of the community.

By providing a place where local farms and producers can grow and thrive and where all residents have reliable access to fresh, healthy food, we hope to achieve our long-term VISION: to foster a vibrant and healthy community through a sustainable network of vendors and community members based on honest, positive, and mutually beneficial relationships.

Article III, Vendor Membership and Fees

Section 1. DMFM Vendor Membership. A farmer, business, or artisan who currently engages in the production of farm or agricultural related products or handcrafted goods for direct sale to the community is welcome to apply for DMFM vendor membership. A vendor must be the original producer of all products sold. They must also follow the DMFM By-Laws and Rules & Regulations as approved by the City of Mebane and current vendors.

Section 2. Requirements. A DMFM vendor is a farm or business, etc. that has been accepted by the City of Mebane and current vendors following the application and site visit inspection and has paid any necessary fees.

1. A vendor must reside and produce all goods and services within Alamance or Orange County.
2. A vendor must produce all products sold at market.

Section 3. Fees. Annual fees including application fees, annual fees and guest fees will be proposed by the City of Mebane and current vendors.

Section 4. Applying for Vendor Membership. Vendor membership applications should be submitted to the City of Mebane. Vendor membership applications are approved or denied by a

majority vote of the current vendors based upon availability of space, consideration of an applicant's contributions to market and impact on DMFM mission and purpose.

1. Vendors farms or facilities must be located within Alamance or Orange County.

2. Market applicants must allow an initial site visit inspection to take place. The site visit will be conducted by employees of the City of Mebane and as needed current vendors. This site visit will ensure that the applicant is the producer of all goods that are sold and that generally accepted practices and procedures are being used.

Section 5. Resignation.

Section 6. Vendor Membership Termination.

Article IV, DMFM Meetings

Section 1. Monthly Meetings.

Section 2. Special Meetings.

Section 3. Notice of Meetings.

Section 4. Voting.

Article V, Duties of the City of Mebane and Vendors

1. Duties of the City of Mebane

2. Duties of the Vendors

Article VI, Miscellaneous

Section 1. Market Season.

Section 2. Fiscal Year.

Section 3. FM Coordinator.

Article VII, Amendments

Section 1. Amendments to By-Laws