



Thank you for your interest in vending at Freight House Farmers Market

OUR MISSION

The Freight House Farmers Market is a vibrant marketplace, connecting and supporting local producers, entrepreneurs, and the community.

We are a community destination.

The Freight House Farmers Market is passionately committed to these core values:

Local

We value home-grown products and services.

Nature

We strive to live as good stewards of the environment.

Entrepreneurism

We encourage the development of small businesses.

Networking

We connect to each other and the community.

Community

We are in, of, by, and for the Quad Cities.

Market Season Information

Market Information

- **Outdoor Summer Market:** May 2, 2026 – October 25, 2026
 - Saturdays | 8:00 am – 1:00 pm
 - Sundays | 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
- **Indoor Market:** Open year-round

- Saturdays | 8:00 am – 2:00 pm
- Sundays | 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Indoor space is very limited. Vendors interested in selling indoors must indicate this in their application. Selections are made by the Indoor Quality Assurance Committee based on availability, product offered and interest.

Special Events: Dates and hours may be extended or updated by the FHFM Board of Directors.

Summer Vendor Application and Selection Process

- **Applications Open:** January 14, 2026
- **Application Deadline:** February 28, 2026
Applications received after this deadline will only be considered for drop-in/waitlist availability.
- **Application Fee:** \$55 (non-refundable)
- **Requirements:**
 - Complete application with accurate product details, photos, contact information, and licenses.
 - Proof of insurance (\$1,000,000 Commercial General Liability Insurance with Freight House Farmers Market listed as secondary insured) and required permits. First time applicants can wait for approval before obtaining cost incurring insurance and permits. Policies and permits must be active before being allowed to vend.
 - Review of FHFM Guidelines and Code of Conduct.
 - 2025 Market Members in good standing must submit an annual application notifying the Board of their intent to return (this also applies to Indoor Vendors). Current Market Members must indicate on the application whether they will engage in any new activity (product) which has not been approved by the Board for the previous year's market. Only new activities (products) are subject to Board approval.

Vendor selection is at the discretion of the Outdoor Quality Assurance Committee and FHFM Board of Directors. FHFM by-laws govern approval process. Space is limited.

Important Notes:

- Receipt of an application does not guarantee approval to vend. Applying for “full season” does not guarantee full season acceptance.
- Approved full season vendors must sign and return their contract before vending.

- Drop-in vendors must sign and return their agreement prior to vending.

Vendor Categories Accepted

We consider applications from vendors in the following categories:

- **Produce:** Certified organic, chemical-free, or Iowa-grown produce (out-of-state produce must be pre-approved and labeled).
- **Plants & Floral:** Fresh/dried flowers, seeds, and potted plants.
- **Baked Goods:** Homemade items such as bread, pies, cookies, etc.
- **Maker/Crafter:** High-quality handmade items (e.g., candles, jewelry, clothing, art). Photos must be submitted with the application.
- **Meat, Dairy & Eggs:** Farm-raised products like beef, chicken, cheese, and eggs.
- **Specialty Foods:** Homemade items like honey, jams, and salsas.
- **Food Trucks & Prepared Foods/Drinks:** Requires proper licensing and health inspections.
- **Wine & Beer:** Locally made products with appropriate licenses.
- **Pet Products:** Treats, handmade clothing, and accessories (treats and pet food must comply with Iowa regulations).

Vendor Fees

- **Contracted Full Season (Outdoor):**

Saturdays - \$560 per 9' wide x 18' deep space, per season ($\approx \$21.54$ per Sat x 26 weeks)

Sundays - \$175 per 9' wide x 18' deep space, per season ($\$6.73$ per Sun x 26 weeks)

- **Drop-In:**

- Saturday: \$65 per day, per 9' wide x 18' deep space ($\$845$ per space - per season max).
- Sunday: \$35 per day, per 9' wide x 18' deep space ($\$280$ per space - per season max).

****Extended Spaces:** To be billed at 1.5 x the standard rate. If you have a 10'x10' tent, you will need to apply for the extended space.

All application fees must be paid in full and vendors fees paid in full or payment plan approved before vending. No refunds will be issued.

Non-Profit Applications

Non-profits whose missions align with FHFM values are encouraged to apply for limited drop-in spaces. Applications will be reviewed based on mission alignment and community impact.

Categories Not Considered for placement*

To maintain the market's focus, we do not consider applications from:

- Medical service providers (e.g., dental offices, physical therapy, health screenings, IV services, etc.)
- Marketing or promotional booths selling offsite business/merchant services. (e.g., constructions companies, photographers, real estate/insurance agents, etc.)
- Political campaigns (individuals or groups campaigning for office.)
- MLM or franchise products or representatives.
- Vendors selling mass produced items easily found in retail outlets. To maintain the unique and community-focused spirit of our market we strictly limit these types of products.

This list is not all inclusive

*Previously contracted members in good standing in these categories are legacied. This list is not all inclusive and the FHFM reserves the right to accept/deny any new vendor application/product.

All information contained within this document is for informational purposes only. FHFM By-laws, Guidelines and Code of Conduct supersede any information contained within. Please review application information in MarketWurks portal, when available, for more information.

Thank you for supporting the Freight House Farmers Market. We look forward to another successful season!