

# The Junction Farmers Market Policy

## Mission Statement

The Junction Farmers Market provides local, sustainably produced fresh foods in ways that build our community, support local food growers and producers, and promote access to healthy food for everyone who lives in and around the Junction.

## Our Values:

The Junction Farmers Market was born out of community desire and effort. We continue to place the Junction community at the centre of all we do through our shared values:

-  A place where **Fairness** is at the core of everything we do, both in terms of access to food and returns to farmers
-  An **Inclusive** space that welcomes everyone and offers a diversity of experiences and products
-  A valued **Contributor** to a thriving local economy
-  A champion of **Sustainability** through a vibrant, local, alternative food system

From May to the beginning of November, the Junction Farmers Market operates on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Junction Train Platform, 2960 Dundas Street West.

A vendor must have permission from the Junction Farmers Market to participate in the Market. All vendors must comply with the Vendor Agreement (i.e. signed contract with the Junction Farmers Market and with the code of conduct outlined below). It is the responsibility of all vendors to be aware of the conditions stated within this policy.

# All Vendor Products

## GROWING PRACTICES

- 🥕 All vendors must follow sustainable food practices, growing ecologically, being low waste and making choices that protect the environment.

## PRODUCTS

- 🥕 All vendors must sell their own products. Only those with approval can bring limited items from a neighbouring farm.

## APPROVAL OF PRODUCTS

- 🥕 Vendors must submit a list of items for sale on their application form.
- 🥕 Items are subject to approval by the Junction Farmers Market Board of Directors and/or Market Manager prior to selling at the Market.
- 🥕 A request must be made when new items are added to the list.

## IMPORTED ITEMS

- 🥕 No imported items or ingredients are accepted without prior approval.
- 🥕 Prepared foods using recipes that feature local and seasonal ingredients will be prioritized.
- 🥕 Exceptions will apply to items that cannot be grown locally but are essential to create a successful dish (e.g., vanilla in a vanilla cake).

## NON-GMOs

- 🥕 We do not support the selling of GMO produce.

## NO RESELLING

- 🥕 Re-selling of items from the food terminal is not permitted. Should a vendor be discovered doing this, they will lose all privileges to sell at the Market.

## CSA

- 🥕 If you run a CSA and sell shares at the Market, all products must be from your farm.

# Farmers Products

## GROWING PRACTICES

- 🥕 All farmers must grow using sustainable and ecological practices.
- 🥕 Organic Certified farms will be labeled as such.
- 🥕 Signage for “organics” refers to certified organic. Those selling items that are not certified must use an alternate descriptor such as “non-certified organic” or “sustainably grown”.

## NEIGHBOUR FARM REQUIREMENTS

- 🥕 75%-100% of the products sold must be grown/raised on the vendor’s farm.
- 🥕 Farmers are permitted to bring up to 25% of farm grown or produced items such as vegetables, fruits, dairy, meat, grains, beans, legumes, mushrooms, honey and maple syrup from a neighbouring farm should the appropriate conditions be met.
- 🥕 The Junction Farmers Market has the right to refuse items from other farms that do not fit with the criteria or the needs of the Market.
- 🥕 Vendors selling items from neighbours must:
  - Provide the Market Manager with a list of items to be sold.
  - Provide name, location and contact information of neighbouring farm.
  - Provide farming practices of neighbouring farm.

- Label items to inform patrons where produce was grown/raised.
- Post a card with the neighbour farm name visible to patrons.
- 🥕 We will work to protect the interests of all vendors by not over saturating any one product; the Market does not protect any vendor's monopoly over a product.

## Prepared Food Products

### INGREDIENTS

- 🥕 Prepared food vendors must sell their own products and use local ingredients whenever possible.

### CERTIFICATION

- 🥕 Items must be prepared in a certified kitchen and be served by someone with a Food Handler's Certificate.

### PURCHASING FROM LOCAL FARMERS

- 🥕 Vendors should work towards establishing relationships with and use produce/ingredients from local farmers/producers as much as possible.

## CONDUCT

The Market Code of Conduct has been developed to ensure a positive and safe environment for customers, visitors and vendors. Being involved in the Junction Farmers Market is a privilege and not a right.

By participating in the Market, all vendors, volunteers, Market workers, patrons and other Market participants acknowledge, and agree to adhere to the code of conduct outlined below.

- 🥕 All Market participants are expected to treat all other participants with courtesy and respect.

- 🥕 There is zero tolerance for all forms of verbal and physical abuse, harassment and disruptive behaviour. Those who violate this code of conduct will be asked to leave the Market.
- 🥕 Refrain from damaging private property.
- 🥕 Ensure that your children are properly supervised.
- 🥕 Maintain your self-control at all times. Losing your temper will not be tolerated.

## THE MARKET VENDOR CODE OF CONDUCT

We appreciate that Market vendors are independent entities and have their own businesses to look after; however, the actions and conduct of a vendor can impact and reflect upon the Junction Farmers Market and the enjoyment of those visiting and shopping on site. We, therefore, expect that Market vendors adhere to the following Vendor Code of Conduct, in addition to the general principles on conduct outlined above.

- 🥕 Vendors will demonstrate excellent customer service at all times.
- 🥕 Vendors will respect patrons, fellow vendors and staff and will maintain the warm friendly ambiance of the Junction Farmers Market.
- 🥕 Issues with the business practices of other vendors or other concerns should be brought to the attention of the Market Manager.
- 🥕 Complaints must be made in writing to the Market Manager.
- 🥕 The Market Manager will meet with vendors when there is conflict to work towards resolving any issues. If no resolution can be met and problems continue, vendors who are unwilling to cooperate may be asked to leave the Market.

**Vendors who do not comply with the Standard Terms and Conditions outlined in The Market Vendor Agreement, and the guidelines set out in this Market Policy, may be subject to discipline based on the nature and severity of the offence, which can vary from a verbal warning to cancellation of the official vendor permit and suspension from the Junction Farmers Market property for a set period of time.**

*Please Note: Vendors subject to discipline will not be eligible for refunds of money lost due to disciplinary measures.*

## LOCATION

- 🥕 Vendors are not guaranteed a location. All efforts will be made to keep a vendor in the same spot for a season. They have no ownership over the location and may be moved by the Market Manager to accommodate the needs of the Market.
- 🥕 Should a vendor be absent, the Market Manager will choose to fill the spot with any vendor they decide best suits the needs of the Market.

Note: The Junction Farmers Market gratefully acknowledges that this policy has been adapted from that developed by the Sor Lauren Farmers' Market.

This document is subject to change and may be amended, supplemented or superseded by one or more separate policies.

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