

## **Bracken Farmer's & Artisan's Market Rules and Regulations**

The Bracken Farmer's and Artisan's Market is a vendor run, year round, producers only Farmer's and Artisan's Market, located at The Antique Rose Emporium, 7561 E. Evans Rd., San Antonio, Texas 78266. The hours of operation are Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The Central Texas Growers Association governs the market. Our mission is to provide a safe and prosperous outlet where local farmers, ranchers, artisans, and chefs can connect directly with the consumer. We want to educate the community about, and give access to locally produced products. Our goal is to reestablish the bond between farmer and consumer, and at the same time provide an avenue for producers get full market value for their products.

### ***To Sell a Product at the Market You Must:***

1. Submit a completed signed application and be approved by the Board of Directors.
2. Grow or produce the products you intend to sell.
3. Read and sign rules regulations and by - laws.
4. Live within a 100- miles radius of Seguin, Texas.
5. Hold all permits and licenses necessary for your business operation.
6. Pay non-refundable application fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) on or before the date of the annual membership, or the first market. This fee may be split into two payments but must be paid in full before selling at a market.
7. Follow common market rules.

### **8. Farmers/Ranchers must:**

- a: Allow market representatives to inspect your farm.
- b: Have grown or raised on your farm - either owned or leased - everything you intend to sell at market. If you are raising a product on leased land, provide a copy of the lease to the Board.
- c: All produce for sale must be of marketable quality. The Market Manager or representative of the Board of Directors will have final say, and may direct vendor to pull substandard items.
- d: Please see the Common Market Rules item 2 in regards to potted plants sales.

### **9: Food vendors must:**

- a: Provide samples of your product to a jury committee appointed by the board of directors
- b: Abide by all State, County and Health Department rules and regulations for producing, sampling, and labeling food for sale.
- c: All food products must be labeled with the source information, to include producer name and address at a minimum.

## **10. Craft/Value Added Vendors must:**

- a: Provide samples of your product to the jury committee appointed by the board of directors. You must have approval of the board before you can sell your products.
- b: Abide by all applicable rules and regulations for producing, sampling, and labeling food for sale.

### ***Common Market Rules***

1. Bracken Farmers and Artisans Market hours are Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. All vendors must be set up and ready to sell by 8:45 AM. If you are going to be late or unable to attend a market, please notify a member of the Board of Directors.
2. Due to the location of the market there will be no sales of potted plants, unless specific permission is granted by the Board of Directors. In addition crafts and certain value added item will have to be reviewed by the Board and given approval before sales will be allowed.
3. All vendors are required to wait until 9:00 AM to begin selling. Those customers using wheelchairs or walkers facilitating their travel through the market may buy prior to the opening of the market. Exception, a customer has made a special order and has arranged with the vendor to pick it up before the market opens and the items have been prepaid such as a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) basket.
4. Reserved spaces can be assigned to vendors based on regular attendance at the market.
5. Booth fees are \$10.00 per stall. Booth fees are due to the Treasurer, or representative, by the end of each market. If a booth fee is not paid, an arrangement must be made before selling at the market in the future. Each vendor must pay a stall fee. No shared booth rentals are allowed. The booth width is set at twelve (12) feet.
6. The Central Texas Growers Association (CTGA) Board has the authority to modify the market Rules and Regulations as necessary, but not contrary to the CTGA By-Laws or to the laws of the State of Texas. Market members can petition the CTGA Board to change the market rules and regulations.
7. Reselling non-produced items (i.e. honey, cheese, jams, etc.) will be brought to a committee which will approve the item(s). Any produce (fruits and vegetables) MUST be grown by the vendor, NO RESELLING. Produce items are subject to inspection.
8. All vendors are required to clean their space before leaving the market.
9. All vendors must post applicable permits relating to their products.
10. All vendors selling by weight must use a scale certified for legal trade by TDA.

11. All vendors are encouraged to post signs, which identify them, their farm and clearly post prices for their products.
12. Any reselling must be approved by Board of Directors only allowed on non-produce items.
13. All farmers must agree to and assist in the inspection of their farms by representatives of the market.
14. Live animals may not be given away or sold at the market.
15. Consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is not allowed at the market.
16. All vendors must conduct themselves in a professional and courteous manner while they are at the market.
17. Vendors should be prepared for all types of weather.
18. Canopies, umbrellas, signs and tables must be adequately weighted down or tied to ensure safety at the market.
19. The Bracken Farmer's and Artisan's Market is not an approved WIC market.
20. Only leashed pets are allowed at the market.
21. All vendors are responsible for the quality of their products.
22. All vendors who will be selling eggs must label them in accordance with the TDA rules. This means that the label/s will state the farm on which the eggs were produced and identifying the grade or ungraded.

### ***Violation of Rules***

Upon any serious violation of the rules the Board of Directors may choose to issue a warning, impose a fine, or suspend a vendor from the market. The aggrieved party has the right to appeal any decision by the Board based on the rules set forth in the by-laws. Failure to comply with an on site inspection will automatically revoke privileges of farmer/rancher to sell at the market until an inspection is completed.

I have read and understand all market rules, regulations and by-laws and by signing below I and/or my representative agree to abide by them

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_