

Rifle Farmer's Market 2019

Market Policies/Expectations of Vendors

Rifle Farmer's Market runs from 4pm-8pm on Fridays, from mid-June to early September. Each participant is expected to fulfill the terms agreed to in their contract. Please take note of the following policies and sign this form:

- Starting late, packing up/attempting to leave early, or arriving unprepared for the event is not allowed. Vendors must be ready to go at 4pm when the market opens. All set-up needs to be completed prior to this time.
- **We do not cancel for weather.** If there is a change in our market schedule, we will contact you. Please do not assume something is canceled due to weather. Missing a market will result in a cashed deposit.
- This is a non-smoking event. This includes refraining from vaping/e-cigarettes.
- Alcohol is prohibited.
- **NEW:** Vendors are discouraged to bring dogs as they can be territorial and uninviting to shoppers.
- **We require at least 4 days advanced notice of absences** (The Monday prior to the next market). Unexcused absences will result in forfeit of the deposit.
- Weights are still required for booth shelters. Each corner of each canopy is required to be weighed down by AT LEAST 15 POUNDS. We recommend sand bags, cinder blocks, filling 5 gallon buckets, or something like these quick and easy [DIY](#) PVC weights. Due to the sprinkler system at the park, there will be no staking of the turf. Unsecured tents are a safety issue and will not be allowed.
- Unprofessional behavior will not be tolerated. This may affect any future dealings with the market. Unprofessional behavior includes, but is not limited to:
 - The use of foul language.
 - Arguing or name-calling, as opposed to a civil discussion regarding an issue.
 - Unprofessional behavior towards any market goers, other vendors, any Farmers Market Board members and volunteers, and the Market Manager.
 - The actions of any and all individuals who stand in for or accompany a vendor at the market, including children.
- Children are welcome to accompany a vendor to Rifle Farmers Market. Accompanying children must be supervised and respectful of other vendors, market goers, all property, and follow the park rules. If a child is negatively affecting the success of sales for any vendor, this is a serious issue. The Farmers Market Board has instilled the following policy:
 - First issue: Vendor will be notified and will be given the choice of keeping the child/children in the booth with them at all times for better supervision, or not having the child/children attend the market.
 - The market will handle any additional incidents after the first incident on a case by case basis and at the Farmers Market Board's discretion. Vendors will be notified directly of issues that arise. Serious or repeated incidents, or incidents left unaddressed by a vendor may result in a vendor being completely removed from participation in the market.

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- The Market does not admit booths with religious or political affiliations. Preaching, political campaigning, and other similar activities on the part of vendors are not allowed during market time.
- **DROP-IN VENDORS WILL PAY IN CASH IN FULL UP FRONT** (\$45 per drop-in, and proof of a City of Rifle Sales Tax license is required prior to market. Drop-in fees can be applied towards a full season application.)
- **If we run into an issue with your payments (bounced check, closed account) we will have you pay via cash or cashier's check. We will NOT accept another check. REPEATED ISSUES WITH PAYMENTS MAY RESULT IN BEING REMOVED FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE MARKET.**
- Vendors reserve the right to approach the Market Manager on duty and discuss any concerns they might have regarding these issues. Members also have the right to present their case to the entire board in writing.
- Quarrelling with the final decisions of the Market Manager and the Farmer's Market Board will not be tolerated.

Vendors will be approached directly or in writing to be informed of any violations on these policies. Repeated violations will not be tolerated.

I, _____, on behalf of my business, _____, have read and agree to the Rifle Farmer's Market policies and expectations of vendors. I/we agree to follow all the rules outlined, and understand that I/we have the right to discuss these policies with the market manager and board should any extenuating circumstances present themselves. Any one member of a business who signs this agreement agrees to hold all representatives of the business responsible to this agreement.

(Vendor Signature) (Date) _____
(Business name)

Please contact riflefarmersmarket@gmail.com with any questions.