

## **Etowah Lions Club Farmers Market**

Market Location: Etowah Lions Club grounds (front parking area)

447 Etowah School Road

Etowah, NC

Date and Time: Wednesdays from May 4 through October 26, 2022 during the hours of

3:00pm to 6:00pm. Rain or Shine.

**Etowah Lions Club Contact** 

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Committee members will be in attendance.

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## **Rules and Regulations - 2022:**

- 1. All merchandise/products/produce must be made/grown by the vendor. No coops/agents allowed.
- 2. Vendors may only sell the items listed on their vendor application form. Requests to sell a new or different item must be made in writing to the Market Chairperson at least one week prior to the market date.
- 3. The selling of flea market items or the buying and reselling of products are strictly forbidden.
- 4. It is the Market Chairperson's discretion on the number of vendors permitted to sell their own hand-crafted items.
- 5. Vendors shall provide the Market Chairperson with valid and current documentation of required licenses, permits, or certifications. A copy of the documentation should be submitted with the Application.
- 6. Vendors will be assigned spaces (approximately 10' x 10') at the discretion of the Market Chairperson.
- 7. If a vendor will be absent for the market, the vendor must provide advance notice to the Market Chairperson by the Monday prior to the scheduled date of the farmer's market.
- 8. Gates will open for setup at 2:00 pm and setup must be complete by 2:45 pm.
- 9. If the vendor is not in their designated space by 2:30 pm then they forfeit their reserved space and the vendor to either side of the designated space may take the absent vendor's space.

- 10. Vehicular traffic within the buyer/consumer walkway will be restricted after 2:45 pm.
- 11. The main entrance to the Etowah Lions Club market area off of Etowah School Road will be closed at 2:45 pm and will not reopen until 6:00 pm.
- 12. Each vendor may have one vehicle maintained in the market area during operating hours of the farmer's market.
- 13. The aisles and lanes shall be left open during operating hours of the farmers market so as to not restrict or impede access or traffic flow by pedestrians.
- 14. The pedestrian/consumers access to the farmers market will be through the side gate of the Etowah Lions Club that adjoins the Etowah Park.
- 15. Each vendor will be designated one space to sell their merchandise, and their marketing displays, and all sales must be conducted within that designated space.
- 16. Vendors are individually responsible for setup and must provide their own equipment (e.g., bags, scales, etc.) in the selling of their goods.
- 17. No permanent structures will be constructed in the vendors designated space, and no modifications or changes to the occupied space is allowed.
- 18. Canopies and/or tents are acceptable provided they do not alter or damage the physical space conditions.
- 19. Canopies, tents and umbrellas must be tied down / weighted at all times.
- 20. Each vendor must display their name and location for ease of identification by customers.
- 21. All vendors must clearly post prices for all goods offered for sale.
- 22. Scales or units of measure should be of the type that is approved by the NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (NCDA&CS). Each year, scales need to be certified by the NCDA&CS prior to selling at the market.
- 23. The vendor will be responsible for maintaining cleanliness in their space during market hours and prior to leaving the space at the end of the market hours.
- 24. No vendor shall be allowed to break down their site or leave the Market prior to 6:00 pm unless prior arrangements are made with the Etowah Lions Club or in the case of emergency.
- 25. Vendor shutdown and cleanup must be completed by 7:00 pm.
- 26. No live animals shall be brought or sold at the farmer's market without prior consent of the Market Chairperson.
- 27. Alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs shall be prohibited at the farmer's market.
- 28. No profanity or foul language is permitted.
- 29. Restrooms on the Lions Club premises are for the use of the vendors. Customers may use restrooms at Etowah Park.
- 30. All vendors shall display courtesy and respect for each other and the customers at all times.
- 31. Vendors are required to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws governing food safety, labeling and taxes.
- 32. Vendors must have insurance covering participation in the market and be solely responsible for their own personal and product liability insurance.
- 33. Vendors shall be responsible for any loss, personal injury, deaths, and/or other damage that may occur as a result of the vendor's negligence or that of its servants, agents and employees, and agrees to hold harmless, indemnify and defend the Etowah Lions from and against any and all losses, damages, claims, suits or actions, judgements and costs, and attorney's fees which may arise from any injury or death or damage to property in

- any manner connected with the vendors products, operations or transactions conducted at the market.
- 34. The Etowah Lions Club is not responsible for any loss, theft or damage to vendor merchandise, displays or products at any time while the vendor is on the premises of the Lions Club.
- 35. Grievances, comments or concerns shall be put in writing and submitted to the Market Chairperson within two weeks from the date of the farmer's market.
- 36. The 2022 vendor fee for the Etowah Lions Club Farmers Market is \$75 per season or \$5 per event.

## Amendment to Rules and Regulations During Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic

During the Covid-19 pandemic, all onsite merchants, vendors, and customers at the Etowah Lions Club Farmers Market are to follow all local, state and federal rules and regulations, including, but not limited to the following:

- 1. Face masks must be worn by all participants the entire time that they are on the Etowah Lions Club premises.
- 2. Social distancing must be maintained. Each vendor's space will be separated by 6 feet from adjacent vendors.
- 3. Customers will be socially distanced by 6 feet throughout the farmer's market. Only one customer will be served at a time at each vendor table. Other customers will wait 6 feet behind the customer being serviced and 6 feet between each waiting customer.
- 4. Hand sanitizer will be provided by the vendor displayed at each vendor's table for use by the individual vendors and their customers.
- 5. Customers shall not handle any items on the vendor's table. The vendor will handle all produce until the time of purchase.
- 6. There will be no sampling allowed at the market.
- 7. It is recommended the vendors use a box or basket for the deposit of customer's cash.

The above stated rules and regulations are subject to change at the discretion of the Etowah Lions Club.