



### **Potential Farmers Market Vendors:**

Thank you for your interest in applying for the Downtown Omaha Farmers Market on Saturdays or the Omaha Farmers Market at Aksarben Village on Sundays. Here is a summary of dates and hours for the 2012 Markets:

**Saturdays**  
May 5<sup>th</sup> – October 13<sup>th</sup>  
8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**Sundays**  
May 6<sup>th</sup> – October 14<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

#### **I want to be a “Season” vendor; do you have any spaces available?**

The previous year’s “Season” vendors receive first right of refusal for renewing their space, so it is typically late March before we know if we will have any “Season” spaces available. If you are interested in becoming a “Season” vendor go ahead and fill out the application and send it in so that we have a record of your interest.

**Please DO NOT send a check or any payment.** It is rare for us to add any “Season” vendors after the Market has started for the year.

#### **When will I find out if I have a “Season” space?**

There is no firm deadline for this decision. We work with all of our vendors individually and sometimes the process of determining which spaces are available and then in turn which vendor and product is the right fit can become complicated. We appreciate your patience.

#### **Will I get every date that I request as a “Weekly” vendor?**

Unfortunately, the answer is probably not. We receive a huge number of weekly applications and we do give priority to produce and plant vendors. Our next step is to give priority to other food vendors, without overwhelming the Market in any one category (such as baked goods).

#### **When will I find out which dates I have a “Weekly” space?**

We generally only assign weekly spaces ONE WEEK at a time. You will receive an email from Market staff the week of the Market if there is a space available for you. We continue to fill spaces as we receive last minute cancellation, so yes, you may get a call on Thursday or Friday, but it is always your right to turn down the space. Please respond as soon as possible to confirm if you will or will not accept the space that you have been offered. If we do not hear back from you within 24 hours, the space will be offered to another vendor. You will NOT receive an email if there is NOT a space. You may turn in your application to become a “Weekly” vendor at anytime throughout the entire Market season.

#### **How do you handle payments for “Weekly” vendors?**

We collect all payments onsite at the Market, one week at a time. Please do not send any payment with your application.

**Can I submit one application for both Markets?**

Sorry, but no! The Markets' records and applications are kept separate and applications must be submitted individually.

**Does my product qualify for the Market?**

Please print and review the "Permitted Products" document that is available on the "Vendors" tab of our website. This document should answer most of your questions relating to product qualifications.

**I want to sell a non-produce food item at the Market, what do I need to do first?**

The first step is to contact the Health Department and find out what their regulations are for the product that you have in mind. Their phone number is available as part of the "Rules & Regulations" document that may be printed from "Vendors" tab of our website.

**Do you accept craft / non-food vendors?**

Yes, on a limited basis, we do. Don't forget to send a picture or two of your craft item as requested on the application!

**I have other questions, where can I get answers?**

Start by printing the other documents that are available on the "Vendors" tab of our website. The applications, Rules and Regulations and Permitted Products documents contain valuable information that may address your questions. If you do not see what you are looking for there, email Heidi at [hwalz@vgagroup.com](mailto:hwalz@vgagroup.com). She will do her best to respond to you in 48 hours, but please be patient because she does not work everyday!

Thanks again for your interest in the Downtown Omaha Farmers Market and the Sunday Market at Aksarben Village!