Downtown Denison Winter Farmers Market

Rules and Regulations 2026-2027

Rules and regulations governing the operation of the "Downtown Denison Winter Farmers Market" will be determined by the Downtown Denison WInter Farmers Market Management and Market Association.

1. Time and Place:

- The Market will be held on Saturdays October 24, 2026 - April 17, 2027, 10 am - 2 pm, in Historic Downtown Denison at The Katy Depot 101 E. Main Street Denison, TX.
- The Downtown Denison Winter Farmers Market Management may cancel a market day when necessary.

2. Who may sell:

- Any person who is engaged in agricultural production or craftsmanship of hand-crafted products and is a member of the Downtown Denison Winter Farmers Market Association.
- Association Membership: Vendors may become members of the Downtown Denison Winter Farmers Market Association by application.
- Approved vendors must pay an annual membership fee of $30. They further agree to abide by the rules established by the Downtown Denison Winter Farmers Market Advisory Management and the Market Management.
- Memberships may be limited by the Market Management.

3. What may be sold in the Market Area:

- Fresh fruits and vegetables
- Fresh or dried herbs or flowers
- **Honey, jams, or jellies
- Whole, un-cracked pecans, peanuts, other nuts, or grains
- *Meats, fish, eggs, and poultry
- *Bedding plants, bulbs, seeds, and other floriculture crops
- Crafts (must be approved by the advisory board before sale)
- Farm/garden tools and supplies

 **Processed foods require a license from the State Department of Health.

- **See Cottage Law may be applicable in lieu of a license. It's the seller's responsibility to abide by the rules. "Value-added Agricultural products: include raw agricultural products grown by the seller, (Local co-op acceptable) that have been processed, or any product, the sale of which a government agency regulates. Examples are milk, cheese, oils, vinegars, meats, poultry, eggs, honey, soap, and herbal preparations. The vendor must make all value-added products predominantly or material grown or gathered by the member.

- *Agricultural products licensed, inspected, or otherwise regulated by the federal government, the State of Texas, Grayson County, or the City of Denison may be sold only upon the Market's receipt and acceptance of required documentation of compliance with those regulations.

- *Vendors must abide by all applicable federal, state, and local health regulations. In addition, they must adhere to federal guidelines on labeling.

4. How Produce May be Sold:

- Produce may be sold by weight, volume, or count. If selling by weight, the scales must be certified by the Division of Weights and Measures, Agricultural Products Division, Texas Department of Agriculture.
- Each vendor must display produce neatly and cleanly. Prices must be prominently displayed.
- Vendors should supply buyers with sacks or boxes.
- Vendors should be prepared to give change.

5. Sanitation, Health, and Safety:

- Vendors must keep all edible materials at least six inches above the ground.
- Watermelon and other produce must be sold whole. A cut melon may be shown covered for display only.
- No animals will be allowed in the market area unless approved by Management.
- Restrooms are located nearby.
- Produce to be washed, must be washed before arrival at the market. (Buyers should be informed that produce should be washed before consumption)
- Children must always be supervised by an adult. No exceptions.

Concessionaires:

- Food vendors may be restricted due to contractual obligations with the Market venue.
- Vendors may not sell food for immediate consumption without approval from the Market Management.

6. Insurance requirements:

- All vendors should carry General Liability Insurance to cover their operations at the market. Consult your insurance agent for advice.

7. Fees and Space assignment:

- Membership Application Fee is $30.00.
- Booth Fees are $25 per week. Booth fees are non-refundable deposits paid to reserve space for designated market dates. Absenteeism or cancellation without 48 hours written notice results in immediate forfeiture of the booth fee for that date, and no credits or refunds will be issued.
- Stall spaces may be assigned by the Market Manager at the time of the Application. Stall fees shall be paid on the day of the market.
- The Market Manager may assign space on a first-come, first-served basis as needed. The assignment is for that market day only and may vary from week to week.
- Vendors are required to provide a table. 10x10 canopies are optional when we're located outdoors. The Market must approve vendor-provided covers and tables.
- Outdoor Tents/Canopies MUST be staked or weighted down with at least 20 lbs. per leg. CAUTION: The small stakes that come with the canopies are NOT acceptable as the only hold-down.
- No Tents/Canopies will be allowed during indoor markets.
- No Signage of any kind can be mounted to the walls or fixtures of the premises.
- Cooperatives will make fee arrangements with the market manager.

8. Market Day Arrival/Departure Procedure:

- The Market hours will be Saturdays from 10 am-2 pm. Arrival and set-up time on Saturday is between 8:00 and 9:45 am.
- Late Arrivals will not be allowed to set up. Exceptions may be made in case of emergency or by Market approval. See the Market Manager for approval.
- *All Vendors will leave the Market no later than 3 pm on Saturday unless the Market Manager approves.

9. Vehicles:

- No vehicles larger than one ton will be allowed to park in the Market area.
- Loading and unloading of market materials behind the depot (East) and in spaces on the South and West side of the building should take into consideration leaving enough space for vehicles to pass by, DO NOT BLOCK the road. Spaces on the South and West are reserved for Food truck vendors who

will take priority for their setup.

- No trailers will be parked in the Market area. (Unless approved by Management)
- Vendors will park in a designated parking area by the Market Manager.
- No vehicles carrying solid waste or hazardous materials will be allowed.

10. Appearance and Conduct:

- Vendors will be neat, and suitably dressed, and deal with the public and fellow vendors courteously and appropriately.
- All vendors will display their products neatly and attractively, with consideration for the other vendors and the public.
- Vendors are responsible for their stalls, will supply all necessary trash containers, and will leave their site clean and in a condition suitable to the Market Manager.
- Each member will remove containers, waste, and trimmings before leaving the market.
- Vendors will not alter or cause damage to pavement, asphalt, floors, walls, or landscaping in the Market area.
- Hawking and false advertising are forbidden.
- No political or religious campaigning is allowed.
- No rummage-sale, second-hand, or flea market-type items may be sold.
- Space dimensions must be respected. Do not block the view of other vendors or the flow of traffic or encroach on areas assigned at the Market.
- Alcoholic beverages may not be sold, or advertised at the Market. Unless approved by the TABC.
- *Vendors are required to post an identification sign in a prominent place stating the vendor's name, product, and area they are from.

Market Members will not slander, gossip, or denigrate other members of the market, their products, or food items to customers, clients, or other Market Members on location or when out in public at other events or markets. INITIAL HERE_____

Effect of Membership:

- By becoming a member of the Downtown Denison's Winter Farmers Market Association, the member agrees to the terms of the Rules and Regulations of the Downtown Denison Winter Farmers Market.
- The member further agrees to permit field inspections of his/her farm or growing sites or crafters workshop, to assure compliance with the Rules and Regulations of the Market.

- As a condition of the membership, the member agrees to release and hold The Denison Market, its directors, officers, agents, and employees harmless from all claims related to or arising from such membership.
- The Downtown Denison Winter Farmers Market Management reserves the right to prohibit anyone from selling at the Market.
- Members are expected to comply with government regulations that may be in effect for activities that take place at the Market. These include certification of scales, health rules applicable to samples and food displays, statements about being organically grown, etc.
- Food Vendors are responsible for "product liability" insurance.
- Compliance with all codes and regulations of the County Health, Fire, and Police Departments; the State Health and Revenue Departments; and the Center for Disease Control are required. These agencies have the final say in any dispute in the operation of the Market.
- At the end of each business day, the market members will be required to pay their weekly market fees to the board member or Market Manager who visits your booth to collect.
- Market members are expected to help market and promote the Downtown Denison Winter Farmers Market.
- Handing out flyers, passing out posters, social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.), and generally talking up the qualities and benefits of having a local market.

Vendors found to be in violation of the rules may be suspended from selling at the Market and permanently banned from future participation. INITIAL HERE_____

Anyone who fails to comply with the rules and Regulations may have their membership terminated with no refund of dues or fees.

Bylaws and rules are subject to change at any time with Management Approval. Vendors will be notified of any changes and are expected to comply with all rules and regulations set forth by the Market Advisory Board.

Questions or concerns should be addressed to the DDWFM Board or the Market Manager. By signing below, you are aware of the updated rules and agree to abide.

Printed name: _____Date:_____

Signature_____