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Farmer's Market Guidelines

A vendor at a Farmer's market selling fresh, whole, uncut, produce, plants, flowers and a commercially prepared, prepackaged, non-potentially hazardous food is exempt from inspection, licensing and fees.

A vendor at a Farmer's market that operates as a temporary retail food establishment as defined in Retail Food Establishment Sanitation Requirements Title 410 IAC 7-24 is subject to the rules, fees and inspections as stated in LaPorte County Food Service Establishment Regulations Ordinance #00-15.

A vendor registered with a farmer's market selling prepackaged, properly labeled, potentially hazardous foods from an approved source will be issued a seasonal license based on LaPorte County Food Service Establishment Regulations Ordinance #00-15.

Seasonal Fee: \$32.50

Approved by:

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Date

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Definitions:

Farmer's Market—a local; often open air market, organized by a town, municipality or non-profit organization, in which farmers and other vendors sell locally grown produce and food products. The market is typically seasonal, operates six (6) months or less and advertised at a fixed location.

Food Labels—include (1) the common name or accurate description of the food; (2) list of ingredients in descending order of predominance; (3) quantity or accurate declaration of net weight, name and address of the manufacturer or distributor.

Packaged—bottled, canned, cartoned, securely bagged or securely wrapped whether packaged in a retail food establishment or a food processing plant. The term does not include a wrapper, carryout box or other nondurable container used to containerize food with the purpose of facilitating food protection during service and receipt of the food by the consumer.

Prepackaged—intended for sale or resale in the original container with no additional preparation or handling.

Retail Food Establishment—any restaurant, food market, deli, bakery, food stand, pushcart, commissary or other locations, fixed or mobile, permanent or temporary, that prepares, stores, packages, serves, vends or otherwise provides food for human consumption.

Seasonal—shall mean operating less than 180 days in a calendar year.

Temporary Retail Food Establishment—an operation that stores, prepares, packages, serves, vends or otherwise provides food for human consumption; and that operates for a period of no more than fourteen (14) consecutive days in conjunction with a single event or celebration with the approval of the organizers of the event or celebration.