Public Market and Market Stand Permit Application Guide

Box I. Applicant Information

- The vendor/applicant must provide the information required by the permit application and must have the consent of the property owner in writing to submit the application.
- A fee of $250 for an annual permit or $50 for a weekly permit must be submitted with the permit application.

Box 2. Property Information

- Public markets and market stands are allowed in the "B-1" Highway Business District, "B-2" Central Business District, and "MUW" Mixed-Use Waterfront District.

Box 3. Certification

- The vendor/applicant must certify and affirm to the statements as shown on the permit application.

Approval

The Public Market and Market Stands Permit is an administratively approved permit. It can be approved once the Zoning Administrator determines the application is complete, the property is located in the correct zoning district, the standards applicable to the public market and public market stands are met and the application fee is submitted. The Zoning Administrator can impose conditions on the approval of the Public Market and Market Stands Permit as he/she deems reasonable and necessary to protect the health, safety and general welfare of adjacent uses and the community.

Revocation

The City can revoke a Public Market and Market Stands Permit and pursue enforcement procedures, including penalties, according to the provisions of Section 4.40 (sign regulations) and Section 11 (zoning regulations) of the City Code if the vendor is found to be in violation of permit conditions or other laws, rules, standards and regulations.

This guide will help you complete an application for a Public Market and Market Stand permit in Two Harbors.

The Public Market and Market Stand Permit is the City’s way of allowing temporary commercial activities while ensuring they do not impede traffic, are compatible with surrounding properties, pay applicable sales tax and follow sign regulations.

The City has chosen to address public markets and market stands by requiring vendors within the "B-1" Highway Business District, "B-2" Central Business District, and "MUW" Mixed-Use Waterfront District to apply for a weekly or annual permit.

Application Instructions

The following instructions help explain the information that is requested in the Public Market and Market Stand permit application.

This application must be completed and filed with the City Clerk along with the applicable fee. The City will inform you of whether or not your application is approved or denied. If approved, a Public Market and Market Stand Permit will be issued, which must be displayed in a conspicuous place onsite during all sales. No vendor may make a sale without a valid permit unless the vendor is exempt.

The following types of vendors are exempt and do not need a Public Market and Market Stand Permit:

1. Farmers selling products cultivated from their own farms.
2. Educational, charitable or religious organizations not regularly engaged in the business of manufacturing, purchasing or selling food at their established educational, charitable or religious institutions.
3. Those vendors participating in an exempt event as designated by a Resolution of the City Council.
# Public Markets and Market Stands
## Permit Application

### 1. Applicant Information
- **Name:**
- **Address:**
- **Telephone #:**
- **Email Address:**
- **Application # (to be assigned by City):**

- **List of product(s) to be sold:**
- **Growing location address (if applicable):**
- **Proposed dates of sale(s):**

### 2. Property Information
- **Street Address:**
- **Parcel #:**
- **Zoning District:**

- **Name of Property Owner (if different from Applicant):**
- **Address:**
- **Telephone #:**
- **Email Address:**

- **Signature of Property Owner**
- **Date:**

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Permit Application for Property Owners
Effective [__2022__]
3. Certification

3.1 I affirm that my public market or market stand will not impede vehicular, pedestrian or other traffic.

3.2 I affirm that the use, activity or function of my public market or market stand will be compatible with the purpose and activities generally allowed in the zoning district in which the property is located.

3.3 I affirm that my public market and market stand will comply with Section 4.40, Subd. 10 of the City Code regulating temporary signs.

3.4 I affirm that I am aware of and will comply with all Federal, State, and local requirements with respect to the products I will sell. I understand that individual product liability is my responsibility.

3.5 I affirm that I have received a copy of the MN Dept of Agriculture’s Covid-19 Guidelines for Farmer’s Markets/Vendors.

| Signature of Vendor/Applicant | Date: |

[CITY USE ONLY]

Date Received: □

Approved: □

Approved with the conditions described below: □

Denied □

| Signature of Zoning Administrator | Date |
## Public Markets and Market Stands

### Vendor Information

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*Keep this registry for one year following the effective date of the permit. Additional registry forms can be downloaded from the City of Two Harbors website.*
This document provides suggestions for markets and vendors to implement in order to stay open under Governor Walz’s Executive Order 20-04 that closed restaurants, bars and other businesses where people gather. Farmers’ markets are exempt from this order as long as they do not offer onsite food consumption (including food sampling). Markets are also encouraged to do drive throughs, follow 6-feet social distancing, and promote handwashing.

Additionally, during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture is waiving the requirement for markets to buy a food license on a discretionary basis if the reason is modifications made to the market structure and/or sales to comply with Executive Order 20-04. Once the COVID-19 crisis passes and a market chooses to continue operational activities in the same way that would require a license, the market will have to buy a license.

**Guidance for Markets**

Evaluate the current layout; see if it can be redesigned to build in six feet of separation and minimize the amount of time people spend mingling at the market. The following are suggestions gathered from farmers’ markets across the U.S.:

- Consider alternate locations that could allow drive through or pick up
- Place stalls at least 6-feet apart
- Place an empty table in front of all vendors’ display tables, using that table to place purchases; exchange money
- Widen the aisles between the rows of stalls
- Tape/chalk 6’ markings in all aisles to show customers where they can stand to maintain 6’ of separation with each other
- Place handwashing stations at entrances, requiring everyone to wash their hands upon entering
- Create a border around your market, limiting entrances and exits (Fencing, tape, rope are all options)
  - Add signs to the border stating “Please enter through the entrances with the handwashing stations.”
- If feasible, limit the number of customers in the market at one time
- Increase signage at the market, considering the following examples:
  - Wash your hands >>> here is the handwashing station.
  - Maintain 6’ distance.
» Sorry – no mingling! No handshaking!
» Please no onsite consumption of food – take home only

• Increase market volunteers/staff to monitor handwashing and crowd control
• Consider controlling the flow of customer traffic.
  » Can customers all go in the same direction in aisles, to limit people crossing in front of each other in less than six feet?
• To reduce crowds and yet maintain sales, have customers place pre-orders with vendors. This could include setting up a drive through to pick up these pre-orders.
  » Enabling online prepayments when possible can reduce the amount of time people spend in face-to-face transactions
  » Consider different days or locations for customers to pick up pre-ordered products

Guidance for Vendors

• Consider pre-packaging fruits, vegetables, and other items to limit handling of food and to keep customers moving quickly
• Encourage customers to pre-order and pre-pay online when possible. This will help customers move more quickly through the market
• Consider bringing a handwashing station for individual market stalls
• Place an empty table in front of display tables, using that table to place purchases and exchange money
  » This maintains six feet of separation, and helps prevent customers from touching products
  » Allows vendor to pack all items for a customer into a bag or container that only the customer touches
    ➔ If customers bring their own bags, let them pack their bags
• Have at least two people in the stall: one person only handles payments; the other only handles products. If not possible, wash hands or sanitize in between these tasks.
• Food trucks and prepared food vendors can still operate if they sell take-out only. Pre-orders are encouraged.

Sanitation Guidance for Markets and Vendors

• Consider ways that market tokens can be washed or sanitized, or alternate ways to limit direct contact when cash or in person transactions are necessary (e.g. SNAP transactions). Consider sanitizing point-of-sale equipment between uses
• Follow CDC recommendations for cleaning and disinfecting: CDC COVID-19 Clean & Disinfect
• Set up a schedule to sanitize all surfaces that people touch: tables, handwashing stations, door handles, card machines, shopping baskets, etc.
• Set up a schedule to sanitize all surfaces of restrooms if available, and replenish soap, sanitizers, toilet paper regularly
• Set up a schedule to replenish handwashing stations with water, soap, paper towels, and also to remove waste paper and water.
• Use tables and table coverings that can be washed and sanitized (vinyl, plastic; not cloth or wood) and implement a schedule to sanitize during the market
• Bring a spray bottle with correct sanitation solution and hand wipes to wipe off equipment
• Use recommended products that have an EPA-approved emerging viral pathogen claims:
  » EPA’s Registered Antimicrobial Products for Use Against Novel Coronavirus SARS-CoV-2, the Cause of COVID-19 (https://www.americanchemistry.com/Novel-Coronavirus-Fighting-Products-List.pdf)
  » Follow the manufacturer’s instructions for all cleaning and disinfection products (e.g., concentration, application method, contact time, and the use of personal protective equipment, and don’t mix them together!)
  » Not all products are appropriate for food contact surface sanitizing

Guidance for Market and Vendor Workforce
• Sick workers (including vendors) must not come to the market
• Encourage workers to practice social distancing and avoid large gatherings between market days, to decrease risk of potential exposure to the virus
• Set a schedule for workers to wash hands and sanitize materials during the market
• Stagger eating and break times or provide additional space to increase distancing of workers
• Consider establishing a designated area in which all market workforce should eat. This can simply be a large open space outside of the stall areas (Market workers can consume food onsite)
• Remind workers to wash hands before and after eating