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Farmer Markets in Rockport

Market Manager Responsibilities: The Market Manager must present to the Board of Health a proposal of said market with a list of vendors and food products intended for sale at *least 30 days prior to opening*. Market Manager will provide vendors with information about the following requirements and may coordinate the permitting for the vendors. However, each vendor is responsible for meeting permitting requirements and health standards.

Vendors: Massachusetts farmers selling their *own produce and farm products* (fresh uncut fruits and vegetables, unprocessed honey, maple syrup, and farm fresh eggs stored at 45 degrees F) do not need a permit from the Board of Health; however, they must coordinate with the Market Manager and are subject to inspection by the Board of Health.

Vendors *selling processed food products* must complete a *Retail Food Establishment Application* and obtain a permit from the Board of Health.

Vendors wishing to *prepare or serve food* at the event must complete a *Temporary Food Establishment Application* and obtain a permit from the Board of Health. (Note: Fees for Farmer's Market Vendors are listed below under Vendor Fees* and are not as indicated on the application).

Application Information and Deadline: Vendor applications must be submitted at least 2 weeks prior to selling at the market; if not, a late fee will be assessed. Vendors licensed in another jurisdiction must provide proof of licensure and a copy of their most recent inspection as part of their application.

***Vendor Fees:** \$20 per event, or \$100 for the entire season at the market (\$75 for retail non-PHF). The vendor fee is waived for licensed food establishments in Rockport when their license includes the particular food hazard. All checks should be made payable to *Town of Rockport*.

Permit applications are located on Rockport's website: www.rockportma.gov

General information regarding Farmers Markets and Temporary Food Events located on the MA Department of Public Health, Food Protection Program website: www.mass.gov/dph/fpp

Guidelines for Farmer's Markets (MDPH), located on the Rockport Board of Health Food Page.

For questions, please contact the Rockport Food Inspector, Laura Osmond, at 978-546-5000, extension 40224 or via cell at 508-284-2281.