



2017 Edmondson Village Farmers Market

Vendor Agreement for Debit/Credit/SNAP Card Service Program

The Edmondson Village Farmers Market implements a SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) Debit and Credit Service Program to offer fresh fruits and vegetables to low-income families who are on SNAP (formerly food stamps) and credit and debit services to all customers.

For consistency in the program and clarity for the market customer, we require that all vendors that sell food that can be purchased with SNAP benefits participate in the program (see list below).

The market will sell wooden tokens to customers that use SNAP or independence cards (\$1 increments) and Debit/Credit cards (\$5 increments). Market customers will use these tokens to purchase your products. At the end of the day vendors will count the tokens and place them in the bag provided by the market manager. At the beginning of the next market, the market manager will return the bag and a check for the previous market's tokens.

Debit and Credit customers will pay \$0.50 swipe fee at the EBT terminal to cover processing fees, and Edmondson Village Farmers Market will retain zero percent of the value of redeemed Debit tokens.

Due to Federal Regulations of the SNAP Program, we are asking vendors to follow all USDA SNAP Program rules, as outlined on the bottom of this agreement. The Market Advisory Committee has the right to remove vendors from the market who do not comply with rules.

USDA SNAP Program Rules

SNAP Benefits can be used to buy:

- fruits, vegetables, meats, fish, poultry, dairy products, seeds and plants intended for growing food.

SNAP Benefits can NOT be used to buy:

- non-food items, ready-to-eat or hot foods
1. You may NOT set a minimum purchase requirement and NO cash can be given as change with SNAP Tokens only.
 2. Change can be given for \$5 Debit/Credit tokens.
 3. Food Stamp Customers CANNOT purchase hot food items that are intended to be eaten on site.