

IRON COUNTY FARMERS MARKET POLICIES-1992

The Iron County Farmers Market typically opens in mid-July (depending on availability of produce) in the Market's new location across from the Hurley Holiday Inn on Old US 2 and remains open until mid-October.

As a producer or shopper, we welcome you to participate in the Market and hope to see you there often. These policies for the operation of the Market are designed to meet state and local regulations for direct market sales and to insure you the highest quality local produce.

MARKET ORGANIZATION

The Iron County Farmers Market, Inc. is responsible for the operation of the Market and reserves the right to refuse the sale of any item not in compliance with the State of Wisconsin or Market policies set forth by the corporation.

Sellers: Sellers are restricted to residents of Chequamegon Bay area producers (Iron, Ashland, and Bayfield Counties) in Wisconsin and Gogebic County, Michigan. Under special circumstances, the Iron County Farmers Market Board of Directors may allow small producers from outside the area to sell at the Market. Such arrangements must be made through the Market Manager prior to the starting time of the Market. (See Vendor Guidelines below for specifics on selling policies.)

Market Manager: The Market Manager oversees the routine operation of the Market and has the authority of the Board of Directors to enforce all rules and regulations.

Parking Attendants: The Parking Attendants oversee orderly parking of all vehicles on the Farmers Market premises. Parking attendants have the authority of the Farmers Market Corporation to ask anyone who fails to comply with their orders to leave the premises or to contact local law enforcement agencies in the event that they need assistance with parking or crowd control.

MARKET HOURS

The Iron County Farmers Market is open during the produce season every Saturday beginning at 10 am sharp and every Wednesday beginning at 2 pm. The ending time for the Market is determined by the availability of produce.

No selling is permitted before the designated starting time of the Market. Reserving produce for customers by bagging it at the market prior to the starting time and putting aside for customers is PROHIBITED.

B. VENDORS OF PROCESSED PRODUCE: includes those Market vendors who sell such items as maple syrup, whole grains, honey, and other permitted items that have been converted from a raw material gathered by the seller to a finished product by the same person using an intermediate process without undergoing any further adulteration.

Special Requirements: These sellers are required to produce 100% of the raw materials from which the final produce is made. The sale of juices by the cup is not allowed.

Honey and Maple Syrup Products: Must be pre-packaged and clearly labeled with producer's name, address, product name, and weight. The sale of raw beeswax is allowed. The sale of beeswax candles is allowed if they have been processed and made by the seller.

C. VENDORS OF PROCESSED, HOMEGROWN RELATED PRODUCTS: Includes vendors who sell items which are mainly derived from homegrown agricultural products, both which contain derivatives or additives not grown or produced by the vendor. Items in this category include jams and jellies.

Special Requirements: Sellers of jams and jellies and other foods classified by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture as processed or "potentially hazardous foods" defined as "any readily perishable food requiring special storage conditions" (including meats, cheese, poultry, milk, ice cream, eggs) must be licensed under the requirements of the Wisconsin Dept. of Agriculture. Copies of these requirements are available from the Iron County Extension Office. Jams and jellies must be produced by the seller from fruits she/he grew or gathered.

D. VENDORS OF ORIGINAL CRAFT ITEMS: This category includes vendors who sell craftwork.

Special Requirements: The vendor must have produced the craftwork themselves.

E. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

Baked Goods: Must be produced by the seller and processed in a licensed bakery, must be pre-portioned and pre-packaged (or displayed under a rigid, hinged plastic (not cellophane) cover and dispensed with tongs). All baked goods must be labeled with the name of the product, its weight, and name and address of baker.

Dried Weed and Floral Arrangements: Must be gathered and arranged by the vendor.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF THE
IRON COUNTY FARMERS MARKET CORPORATION, INC.

Executed by the undersigned for the purpose of forming a Wisconsin corporation under Chapter 181 of the Wisconsin statutes, WITHOUT STOCK AND NOT FOR PROFIT.

ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation shall be the IRON COUNTY FARMERS MARKET CORPORATION, INC.

ARTICLE II

The term of existence of this corporation shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE III

The purpose of this corporation is to administer, operate, and promote the Iron County Farmers Market and Farmers Market Park as a sales outlet for farm produce, craft items, and other goods approved for sale at the Market by the Board of Directors, to rent or offer the Farmer's Market site for other purposes as approved by the Board of Directors, and have all powers permissible under Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 181.

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributed to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Sec. 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding provisions of any future U.S. Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Sec. 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provisions of any future U.S. Internal Revenue Law).

ARTICLE IX

The Board of Directors who shall manage the affairs of the corporation for the first year, unless changed sooner by the members, shall be the incorporators listed in Article XI.

The provisions for election of the Board of Directors will be provided in the by-laws.

ARTICLE X

Dissolution: In the event of dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization(s) organized and operating for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as all at the time qualify as an exempt organization(s) under Sec. 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provisions of any U.S. Internal Revenue Law) as the Board of Directors shall determine.

Any assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the circuit court of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization(s) as the court shall determine that are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE XI

The name and address of each incorporator of the corporation are:

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**BY-LAWS OF THE
IRON COUNTY FARMERS MARKET CORPORATION, INC.**

Article 1

Name, Objectives, and Location

- 1.1 This corporation, the "Iron County Farmers Market Corporation, Inc.", will be referred to herein as the "corporation" or "group".
- 1.2 The purpose of the corporation will be to act jointly on behalf of its members to administer, operate, and promote the Iron County Farmers Market as a sales outlet for farm produce, crafts, and other goods approved for sale by the Board of Directors.

The corporation will act on behalf of its members to rent or offer the Iron County Farmers Market site for other purposes as approved by the Board of Directors.
- 1.3 The location of the corporation shall be Route 1, Box 218, Hurley, WI 54534.

Article 2

Membership

- 2.1 Membership in the corporation is open to anyone in Iron, Ashland, and Bayfield Counties in Wisconsin and Gogebic County, Michigan who has paid an annual membership fee. This fee shall be set by the Board of Directors. Any adjustments in this fee must be approved by the majority of the membership at the annual meeting.
- 2.2 Only members who have paid a membership fee, by the annual meeting, will be considered a voting member for that year.

Memberships are non-transferable and membership fees are non-refundable. Each member shall have one vote.
- 2.3 Persons who have not paid a membership fee to the corporation will be allowed to participate in the activities sponsored by the corporation, but will not be allowed to vote on matters of group interest.
- 2.4 The secretary shall keep a complete list of the name, address, and phone number of all members. Each member shall notify the secretary of any change in address and, until the secretary receives notice from the member, will treat the member's name, address, and phone number as being correct for the purposes of giving notices of group business.
- 2.5 No person or group shall represent the corporation until they have first received approval of the Board.

- 3.8 A quorum of the corporation shall be set at equal to or greater than one-fifth (20%) the number of persons holding general membership.

In the absence of a quorum, the general members present shall have the power to adjourn the meeting from time to time, without notice other than announcement of the meeting, until a quorum shall be present. Any business may be transacted that might have been transacted at the meeting originally called.

- 3.9 Voting by general members shall be conducted by a show of hands, upon the simple majority of those members present, except during the election of Board of Director members which will be done by secret ballot.

- 3.10 The Board of Directors may call special meetings of the general members at any time and will call special meetings at the request of two or more members within 2 weeks of that request.

- 3.11 Written notice of a regular or special meeting of the general membership shall state the time, place, and object of the meeting. At least one week's notice shall be given prior to the meeting. These notices will be given through local media outlets and/or written notification to members.

- 3.12 Board of Directors shall meet as needed as called by the Chairperson or at the request of any other Board member.

Board of Directors meetings will not require notification of the general membership nor a statement of purpose.

Any general member of the corporation may attend Board of Directors meetings.

- 3.13 The members of the corporation may recall a member of the Board of Directors by a vote of two-thirds of the corporate membership present at a special meeting called by the members. Notice of that meeting must be given two weeks in advance through local media outlets and/or written notification to members. The notice of the meeting must state that its purpose is to consider the recall of that Director.

- 3.14 The Board of Directors shall have the authority to appoint a Manager.

Article 4 Directors and Committees

- 4.1 The Board of Directors shall consist of a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 7 Directors, each of whom shall be a member, subject to the following conditions.

- 4.2 Not more than one Director shall be elected from any household. Any member who is concerned or participates in the

- 4.8 The Board of Directors shall meet at least once during the year, and any two Directors may call special meetings of the Board of Directors upon one week's written notice to the other Board members or, in cases of emergency, by verbal notice.
- 4.9 Board of Directors shall always bear in mind that it is acting for the corporation and is responsible for the performance of the following duties:
- 4.9A To undertake the work of the corporation with the Farmers Market Manager or other individuals or members involved in the operations of the Iron County Farmers Market. The Manager shall have the authority to allow the use of the Farmers Market facilities by any special groups, other than regularly scheduled Farmers Market activities, and may consult with the Board of Directors on these decisions.
- 4.10 To insure that business is conducted in accordance with the rules of the corporation and that equal justice is given to members and individuals participating in activities sponsored by the corporation.
- 4.11 To evaluate the work of the corporation annually, beginning as close as possible after the close of the fiscal year.
- 4.12 To foster a spirit of cooperation between the Board, members, and general public who participate in activities sponsored by the corporation.
- 4.13 The Board may, from time to time, establish committees as it deems fit. The basis on which the committees are selected will be established by the Board.

Article 5
Duties of the Manager

- 5.1 The Manager may be a member of the Board of Directors or a member, if duly elected by the members as indicated in Article 3. The Manager is responsible for reporting to the Board as to the activities of the corporation.
- 5.2 The Manager is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Farmers Market.
- The Manager may bring to the Board any requests for use of the Farmers Market for any special purposes.
- 5.3 The Manager may appoint an Assistant Manager to temporarily assist him/her in the operation of the Market.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall execute, in the name of the corporation, all contract or other instruments authorized generally by the Board.

Article 9
Parliamentary Authority

- 9.1 Roberts Rules of Order shall be the parliamentary authority governing the meetings of the corporation and shall govern the corporation in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws of the corporation.