ORLEANS FARMERS' MARKET, INC. HANDBOOK of Rules & Regulations

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Market & Operations Overview

The Orleans Farmers' Market, Inc. (OFM) strives to maximize the consumption of local foods and products and strengthen overall community support of local agriculture. The OFM seeks to operate at the highest level of integrity in our dealings with customers, vendors and supporters. OFM Board of Directors (BOD) strives to obtain a mix of vendors attractive to customers in order to nurture market growth, and educate the community and visitors about the benefits of locally grown and produced products.

Our mission statement:

The Orleans Farmers Market, Inc. is a non-profit corporation and is organized exclusively for educational, agricultural, nutritional and scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, and under operation of Massachusetts law, including as it may from time to time be amended, as it relates to nonprofit organizations.

The purpose of The Orleans Farmers Market, Inc. is to educate the residents and visitors of Barnstable County about the benefits of locally grown and produced food. We do this by coordinating a year-round farmers market which enables local agricultural growers the opportunity to provide a healthy local food source to the community of Orleans, MA and nearby towns. The corporation is also raising social consciousness about regenerative food production on a global level and providing education about food production and nutrition in an atmosphere that promotes healthy eating, a strong community connection and consumer participation, particularly low-income families. The corporation assists and coordinates within the Barnstable County community to increase the food production at community gardening projects by supplying information and resources for regenerative growing and collaborating with other local groups working towards similar goals.

Market Management

The OFM operates under rules and regulations set forth by its Board of Directors (BOD). The BOD appoints a Market Manager and together they are responsible for the overall market management. The BOD has final authority in resolving issues in a civil and efficient manner.

The Market Manager responsibilities are to coordinate all of the activities of the yearround functioning of the Market and to implement market policies. This includes collection of fees, vendor application information, vendor space assignments, oversight of the Market set-up and clean-up, and answering vendor and customer questions. The Market Manager also acts as a conduit of information from the vendors and customers to the BOD. The BOD reviews and approves vendor applications, vendor inspections and has the authority to order and remove any person or vendor from the Market who is guilty of any violation of these Market regulations, or who may be guilty of violation of any ordinances of the Town of Orleans, or laws of the State of Massachusetts.

The BOD encourages the continuation of farming on Cape Cod by creating and running the Nauset Food and Research Garden within the local regional school system. The garden program coordinates with the Nauset School's culinary, art, special needs, garden club, green club and any other school departments that can find garden connections. The garden had been at the high school in Eastham for over 10 years and has just moved to the Middle School in Orleans due to renovations at the high school.

The BOD coordinates weekly food collections at the farmers market from vendors, customers and the school garden programs for donations to local food pantry's and church food service programs.

The BOD encourages donations from the school gardens and the farmers market vendors for a yearly raffle and fundraiser run by and for the Nauset Regional High School Culinary Department.

The BOD has been participating in the Eastham Turnip Festival for a number of years, beginning with the NRHS garden club saving and selling seeds from the school gardens with the assistance of the art departments creation of hand stamped seed packets. In 2021 and 2022 the market hosted some of the Turnip vendors and food producers at the Orleans Farmers Market. This change in venue is due to the renovations at the school.

The BOD members are also on other local committees supporting local agriculture and giving talks and advice to local gardening organizations and the community at large.

Purpose of Market Rules & Regulations

The OFM rules and regulations are designed to benefit the Market as a whole. These Market rules provide a way to insure that everyone knows their rights and obligations and can have predictable and dependable expectations about the operation of the market. The rules are also important from a legal perspective because they become part of the agreement between the vendor and the Market, establishing each party's rights and obligations.

Included in these rules are guidelines which determine who is eligible to be a vendor, what products can be sold, when and where the market will operate, and what the market experience will be like for vendors and shoppers.

It is imperative that vendors understand and agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the OFM. The rules are enforced by the Market Manager and the BOD. Open communication is

encouraged amongst everyone for questions or concerns regarding the Market Rules and Regulations.

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OFM OPERATING GUIDELINES

1. Volunteers and Helpers

We welcome helpers to assist with set-up and break-down of the market tents. The market collects cash donations and/or vegetable donations for the local food pantries, schools and church meal programs. Having a weekly volunteer is a wonderful way to show support for the market and the community. Volunteers and Helpers need to fill out paperwork for the market manager.

Student volunteers can earn community service requirements towards high school graduation and college.

2. General Information

The OFM is committed to creating a diverse marketplace with the emphasis on the highest quality, locally grown and produced agricultural products available. The OFM will not be bound to apply a particular set of criteria in every instance and must reserve unconditional discretion to accept or refuse anyone as an OFM Vendor. The Market considers many factors when evaluating Vendor applications and participation.

3. Location and Time: Outside - No sales are made until the market is open.

The outside market is located at 19 Old Colony Way, Orleans, MA. The Market is officially open every Saturday; 8:00 am to noon- from May to Labor Day9:00 am to noon- from September thru NovemberThe inside market is located at 5 Namskaket Rd, Orleans, MA10:00 am to noon - from December thru April

4. Application Information

Application is open to farmers, growers and producers from within Barnstable County. Acceptance or rejection of an application is based on multiple criteria and needs of the Market as determined by the BOD at any given time, therefore not all applications may be accepted.

The OFM has a limited number of vendor spaces. Applications accepted each summer or winter season will depend on several factors, including the number of previous season vendors seeking to return.

Applications are from vendors willing to commit to being in one of two categories:

- 1) Full Time (FT) vendor will be given preference for a weekly full season attendance
- 2) Occasional vendors are contacted on a rotating basis for any open spaces available from a waiting list and paying a daily fee.

Applications from previous season vendors in good standing will be given preference over new vendor applications.

Applications from vendors not admitted due to space or product limitations will be kept on a wait list and will be contacted when space becomes available.

All vendors must complete a 'Vendor Registration Form' and pay the required fee before selling. Failure to do so will delay a vendor's ability to participate in the Market. The Application constitutes a binding agreement between vendors and the OFM to abide by the policies and rules.

Each Vendor will declare the type of vendor he or she is on the application based on the majority of their sales during the peak season of June to October.

Application by **any** vendor, new or previous season, does not guarantee acceptance for the upcoming season.

5. Product Eligibility, Crop List and Farm Inspection

The OFM is a local market – this means all products sold must be grown, made, caught or produced BY THE VENDOR within Barnstable County. These products must be sold at the Market by the grower or a member of their family or an employee. Existing vendors who are not able to attend on a certain day may appoint another vendor to sell their approved products with pre-approval from the market manager & BOD. These products must be separate from the existing vendors items and labeled with the growers name and business.

Produce (raw edible food) will be Vendor grown and sold at the Market if: The product is harvested from plants grown on the Vendor's farm;

The plant must be grown from seed, purchased plugs, cutting, bulb or rootstock.

Salable items may include, but are not limited to:

<u>Fresh uncut and unprocessed</u> - Vegetables, fruit, berries, honey, eggs, culinary herbs and cultivated mushrooms.

**No produce may be purchased and resold at the Market in its original state.

Horticultural Products (potted plants, fresh cut and dried flowers) will be Vendor grown and sold at the Market if:

The plant must be started from seed, purchased plugs, cutting, or bulb and be in the vendor's possession for 60 days before being sold at the Market.

If purchased as a full grown plant, the product must be altered from its original purchased state (i.e.: repotted, divided) and then have been in the vendor's possession for 45 days before being sold at the Market.

**No horticultural product may be purchased and resold at the Market in its original state.

Processed Foods and Goods will be home-made by the Vendor and sold at the Market if: These products are produced by the Vendor.

These products must be considered appropriate to be sold at the Market by the market manager, BOD and Orleans Board of Health.

The vendor's kitchen must be inspected by the vendors town Board of Health yielding a retail kitchen permit, Serve-Safe and Allergen Certificates to retail that particular product, when applicable. The vendor must submit the above permits to the market manager and the Orleans Board of Health Office for approval.

All new processed food vendors are required to schedule a meeting with the Orleans Board of Health before selling at the market.

Salable items may include, but are not limited to:

Prepared and specialty foods such as jam, jellies, sauces, salsas, vinegar, chocolates, coffee, baked goods, dried herbs, teas, seafood; and any other items deemed appropriate by the Board. No vegetables shall be cut and sold in sections without Board of Health approval.

**No processed foods or goods may be purchased and resold at the Market in its original state.

Decision to add another product line will need approval by the BOD, with final approval from the Orleans Board of Health.

**Any vendor found by the BOD to have been involved in the resale of any product at the Market will be immediately evicted, temporarily or permanently, at the discretion of the BOD.

Vendors must make every effort to assure that the products they sell pose no health hazards to the public.

The BOD strives to attain an attractive mix of vendors, with a mix of the three vendor categories. To maintain this mix, they may limit the types of products allowed for sale at any given time; therefore, not all products applied for may be approved.

Vendors are required to submit a complete list of all products they wish to sell along with their application each season and must have approval from the BOD on all products offered for sale at the market. Products that do not appear on the vendor's application may not be sold at the market. The submission of the vendor application, fee, crop list, processed food/goods list, fisherman crop list and a vendor garden/kitchen inspection must occur before any new vendor may sell at the Market.

In order to assure compliance with vendor and product eligibility requirements, the BOD will conduct an initial inspection of a vendor's place of production, and at any time thereafter, to

verify that the products listed on their applications are being grown on their farm, processed on their site, and/or caught by the vendor.

* If a vendor wishes to add new products, a second inspection will be done by an authorized person to verify the addition, with final approval from the Orleans Board of Health in the case of processed foods and goods.

* Shell fisherman will have their shellfish log reviewed periodically at market by one of the BOD. In addition, a copy of all applicable permits from processed foods & goods vendors and shellfish vendors must be submitted to the Market Manager before selling these products at the Market.

Off-Cape Grown Produce* may be sold at the Market under the following restrictions: Only if the product(s) can be grown in Barnstable County; and the product(s) is/are determined to be in limited supply at the Market that year and there is available space to sell that product; The product(s) must be sold directly by the grower who is an existing Vendor and labeled with info as to where the products came from and whether the product is grown organically.

* The BOD will evaluate every request, vendor by vendor, product by product, at the annual meeting in April. On rare occasions, to attract particular types of products not otherwise available at the Market, the BOD may allow an exception to this rule.

6. Permits, Licenses, State & Federal Requirements

Each vendor is responsible for complying with the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture regulations pertaining to items sold at the market; federal, state and local regulations for obtaining any necessary permits and licenses. Each Vendor is responsible for collecting sales tax where indicated. The insurance provider for the markets' insurance is requiring the market to also require the individual vendors to have insurance coverage.

If a vendor is selling eggs, they must be transported to the Market and stored in a cooler with ice packs and a thermometer to assure a temperature of under 45°F.

Vendors selling by weight are expected to use certified scales which must be inspected by the Barnstable Sealer of Weights and Measures. This is the responsibility of the Vendor. **Shellfish and Lobsters** sold at the Market must be transported to and stored at the Market at a temperature under 45°F. Ice used must be potable and its melted water must be kept out of contact with shellfish, and collected and disposed of properly off-site. Shellfish, if displayed, must be covered, on ice, and held separate from melted water. Rubber gloves will be used to handle shellfish, dipped in disinfectant (1 Tbsp Clorox / 1 gal water) at the Market as needed. When brought to the Market, shellfish must be bagged, tagged and sealed with a log kept for 90 days. Bags opened at the Market should be resealed and retagged before leaving the Market. However, any shellfish openly displayed can not then be bagged and later sold. Bags brought out of refrigeration should be placed on a clean surface and never on the ground.

<u>**Permits required of shellfish vendors**</u>: Local and state shellfish license and a retail truck permit. Harvesters must have the approval of the Orleans Board of Health to sell at the Market.

Definition of terms:

Bag - a clean container.

Tag - an official tag, preferably of waterproof material, showing dealer's name, certification number, harvester's number, seal identifier, date harvested, type of shellfish, quantity and harvest area.

Seal - a numbered closure that is tamper-evident.

Log - a permanent bound ledger with page numbers, including seal number, type, quantity, location and bagging date

Processed food and goods such as but not limited to: jam, jelly, preserves or baked goods must conform to the Federal, State and Local Labeling Laws and Sanitary Codes. These goods must be protected from wind, sun and rain at all times.

7. Market Token Programs

The Market offers several token programs for shoppers, these include:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is a National program for customers with SNAP cards- they can swipe their card at the market information table EBT machine and receive green tokens to buy fresh foods and vegetables. The tokens are \$2.50 each and the vendor can not give any change. The customer can give additional cash funds to complete the purchase but it is helpful to have quantities compatible with the token amounts. We also give a weekly \$10 bonus to SNAP customers who swipe their cards at the info table for a minimum of \$10. The bonus tokens are a larger Fruit & Vegetable (F&V) token and are only good for Fruits & Vegetables. Non-vegetable vendors will not be reimbursed for these tokens.
- 2) Healthy Incentives Program (HIP) is a state of Massachusetts program for Mass. SNAP card holders. The transactions are only processed at the market info table with a paper slip system that gets stamped to verify the transaction. The process will be explained to customers and farmers before the first transaction.
- 3) Fruit and Vegetable (F&V) tokens are larger than the other tokens, they are red and valued at \$2.50. These tokens are used for the Bonus' given out for SNAP, WIC, and the SustainableCAPE's Veteran Gratitude program.
- 4) Woman and Infant Children (WIC) is a state of Massachusetts Department of Agriculture (MDAR) program with paper coupons given to mothers with young children. They can only use the paper coupons with vendors that have signed up with MDAR to accept and redeem the coupons. The market offers a matching bonus (F&V) token to coupon holders who bring the paper coupons to the market info table where the paper coupons are stamped to verify the issue of the bonus'. The F&V tokens can be used with all vendors selling fruits and vegetables.
- 5) SustainableCAPE's Veterans Gratitude program. Thanking our local Veterans for their service and provide \$10 worth of weekly F&V tokens. This program connects the veterans and farmers and connects and strengthens our community. There is a veteran intake form to fill out asking for their DD214.

- 6) Credit/Debit tokens are swiped at the market info table EBT machine and customers are given red tokens in \$5 increments for their total swipe. All vendors can accept and give change for these tokens.
- 7) Market Vendor Envelopes- are used weekly and handed out to vendors before the market and returned by vendor to the info table at the end of each market. The envelopes are used to submit forms, fees and daily tokens to be recorded by the market manager. The market will issue a once a month vendor eheek direct deposit for reimbursement for the monthly tokens returned in the envelope to the market manager.

The Market registers yearly with the state of Massachusetts to allow growers to accept WIC coupons; certification in the WIC program is the responsibility of the individual vendor with sign-up info on the vendor registration form. We encourage all vegetable vendors to participate for the benefit of all.

8. Vendor Spaces, Placement and Fees

Due to space/layout constraints and the Market's desire to provide selling opportunities to a variety of vendors and offer a variety of foods and products to customers, a Space shall be limited to 10'x10', and a new Vendor may only purchase one space unless the BOD determines otherwise. Fees for these spaces will be determined annually and posted in the current vendor application.

Vendors are placed on the vendor map according to standing and placement in previous seasons among other criteria; every effort is made to keep placement consistent throughout each season.

Vendors need BOD approval before providing their own Canopies, Pop-up Tents or Umbrellas. Vendors with signage, banners and vendor displays, must ensure that they are well anchored at all times while the Market is in operation.

Vendor fees are used for community education, advertising, administrative costs, supplies and maintenance.

Vendor fees must be paid according to the Vendor Registration Form. Occasional vendor fees must be paid in full before the start of each Market, if the fee is not paid the vendor will not be allowed to set-up and sell their products.

9. Code of Conduct

- 1) Be a good neighbor. We ask that vendors work as teams to put up and take down tents. If your partner always arrives early to put it up, you should put it away or try and arrive earlier to help.
- 2) Vendors are expected to arrive approximately 45 minutes to an hour before market opens for set up. Vendors are considered late at 15 minutes before opening bell. Vendors will receive 2 warnings for late arrivals and the 3rd offense will result in the vendor not being able to set up and sell that day.
- 3) If you will be missing a market, please notify the manager no later than Wednesday evening before the missed market or sooner if possible. We understand the

occasional sickness and emergency, but vendors who do not show up and have not notified the market more than twice will incur a \$25 penalty fee for each missed market. Should a pattern of absence occur, more than 4 times, the BOD will decide whether that vendor can remain as a vendor at the market.

- 4) Should you have a concern or complaint about a fellow vendor, please use the complaint form at the back of the Handbook to submit a written complaint to the manager, which the BOD will review and act on, as the BOD deems appropriate.
- 5) All vendors are asked to work collaboratively with the market in self promotion. The OFM provides a venue for local growers and producers to bring products to market but we do ask individuals to recognize the need for self-promotion to help drive traffic to individual vendors

10. Arrival, Display, Set-Up and Departure

- Arrival and vendor set up: Arrival 45 minutes to 1 hour before market opens for vendor display set-up. Vendors must be fully setup and ready to sell 5 minutes before cow bell. No vendor arrivals will be permitted 15 minutes before opening. Wait for the Cow Bell before selling to customers.
- 2. Displays: Vendors must display their products for sale on tables or other suitable display fixtures, at least one foot up off the ground exceptions may be granted by the Market Manager for items such as plants and very large items.
- 3. Set-Up: Vendors are responsible for set-up, display, packaging and pricing of their products. The products will be priced clearly, either on a price list, chalk board or on each product or its container. Any product less-than premium quality should be clearly labeled 'seconds'. No boxes or displays shall extend into common and/or customer traffic areas nor impede customer traffic, encroach into foot traffic paths, or encroach upon, disrupt or interfere with any other vendor's space, display, or ability to conduct business. Stands and displays are to be kept hazard free and reasonably attractive at all times. All items need to be securely anchored to prevent blowing in or away due to the wind.
- 4. Vendors shall display a visible sign stating the business name and town out of which one operates as required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- 5. The Market Manager and BOD reserve the right to require any vendor to remove or change any display that appears hazardous, unsanitary, or does not conform to the Market requirements for displays.
- 6. Departure: Market sales end at noon. Vendors are required to leave their space broomclean before departure from the day of the Market by. 12:45 pm.
- 7. Vendors whose products generate waste (e.g. food vendors and those providing food samples) must provide a trash receptacle at their booth for use by anyone. In addition, vendors offering food samples must provide a wash station, as required in the regulations of the Orleans Board of Health.
- 8. All vendors are responsible for their own trash removal at the end of the day and shall clean up all litter, toothpicks, and/or product debris before leaving the grounds.

11. Additional Guidelines/Vendor Responsibilities

The Market is not intended for unloading of produce at below market prices and produce should be priced in line with other vendors.

Vendors are responsible for ensuring they and their representatives are familiar with all Market Rules, Regulations and By-Laws and are expected to fully comply with all of them. Extra copies of this handbook are available by request from the Market Manager.

All vendors are expected to be cooperative with and respectful toward management, the public and other vendors, many of whom may be direct competitors. Any vendor who repeatedly shows an inability or an unwillingness to cooperate or is otherwise disruptive to the upbeat day-to-day activities of the Market will receive a written warning detailing the expected change of behavior. Upon any subsequent infraction, the member will be evicted temporarily or permanently from the Market at the discretion of the BOD. The BOD decision must be submitted to the offending vendor in writing within 5 days of the eviction.

Behavior that is threatening, abusive or harassing shall constitute a violation of Market rules and result in immediate termination of membership and removal from the grounds. Committing a criminal act at the Market is grounds for immediate expulsion and vendor(s) will be permanently barred from future participation in the Market.

Termination shall not relieve a Vendor of un-paid dues, or other charges previously accrued, and **no refund of any fees paid will be granted.**

Soliciting or collection drives are not permitted in the vending area.

Vendors may not bring pets to the Market.

There is a No-Smoking policy for vendors and their parties within their displays and on Market grounds.

All vendors are required to carry their own product liability insurance.

12. Hours, Dates and Days of Operation

The Market operates Saturdays year-round. Hours of operation are:

- 8:00 am to noon May to Labor Day
- 9:00 am to noon September thru November

10 am to noon December thru April.

The market area is open one hour before sales start for vendor display set-up. Vendors should be fully setup and ready to sell fifteen minutes before the opening bell. No late vendor arrivals will be permitted.

**The Market has a strict policy forbidding any sales to take place before the opening bell.

13. Rain or Shine Policy

The market has an "Open, Rain or Shine" policy which is heavily publicized in all advertising. The winter market is based on winter weather and road conditions. All vendors are expected to participate to the best of their ability. You might question the wisdom of the policy – displaying and protecting your products under a tent in the middle of a field in the rain isn't any fun. But having this policy is important for several reasons:

- Customers expect to find a full market and their favorite vendor every Saturday, year-round, RAIN or SHINE, as advertised.
- Customers WILL come to the market in inclement weather and those that venture out normally intend to buy. Vendors often experience decent sales during bad weather.
- The market will post a notice on the OFM web page, Instagram and Facebook pages to notify customers if the market will be closed.
- New England weather changes at the drop of a hat. A wet day can easily turn dry and vice versa. Calling off the Market could quickly become a regrettable decision.
- Cancellation of a Market would be necessary, if and only if, the weather forecast is predicting dangerous weather conditions such as thunder, lightening, hurricanes and tornado's. The tent frames are not a safe place during dangerous weather and sometimes we just need to sit in the safety of our cars and wait for the weather to pass.

14. Attendance Policy

If a vendor is unable to attend a market you must notify the market manager at 508-237-9492 as far ahead as possible, <u>but no later than the Wednesday afternoon prior to your absence</u>. Failure to give timely notification is a violation of Market Rules and Regulations. Timely notice of absences assists management in attempts to fill the space from the waiting list to help the market retain a 'full' look.

Vendors are asked to be present at the Market every Saturday during the peak season of June to October unless the absence is absolutely unavoidable. The market also requires vendors to keep their table and display set up for the duration of the market even when sold out. A sign saying you are sold out and will be back next week will inform the customers about your products.

15. Rules and Regulations Violation Policy

The first instance of non-compliance by a vendor with any Market Rules shall result in a written warning issued by the Market Manager and/or BOD. A second instance, whether for the same violation or any other, shall result in termination of the vendor's Membership and selling privileges by the BOD. Termination shall not relieve a Vendor of un-paid dues, or other charges previously accrued, and **no refund of any fees paid will be granted.**

16. Grievances and Product Challenge Process

Vendors are urged to inform the Market Manager or BOD when they witness a violation of Market rules and guidelines. Please do not confront or start an argument with another vendor about suspected violations.

Minor grievances regarding day-to-day operations of the Market should be directed to the Market Manager and/or BOD in a timely manner that is not disruptive to the Market. The Market Manager and/or BOD shall investigate to determine if a violation has occurred and follow-up appropriately in accordance with The Market Handbook of Rules and Regulations.

In circumstances concerning a complaint against any vendor by another vendor regarding the origination or legitimacy of their produce, product, or goods, the following shall apply:

The complaining vendor shall submit, in a timely fashion, a completed **Product Challenge Form** (at back of handbook) and submit it to the Market Manager or BOD. The identity of the complainant will remain confidential.

Complaint resolution of matters of this nature is the responsibility of the BOD. The BOD will notify the vendor that one or more of their products offered for sale at the Market violates a product legitimacy rule or is being investigated for product legitimacy.

The BOD will conduct an initial investigation of any complaint using their own observances, statements of other witnesses and/or inspection of the vendor's production place and methods to make a determination as to a product's legitimacy. If the vendor refuses to allow such an inspection, the Vendor's selling privileges and Market membership will be immediately terminated. Inspections will be conducted by at least one BOD member.

If the BOD determines that a product does not violate the rules, no further action will be taken, and a letter stating such will be recorded.

If the Market BOD determines that a product does violate the rules, the infraction shall be dealt with as set forth in 'Section 17. Rules and Regulations Violation Policy' and vendor must immediately cease sales of the product(s) in violation. Failure or refusal to do so will result in the loss of selling privileges and Market membership effective immediately, additionally the vendor will not be eligible to re-apply for membership in the Market until the following season, and then participate only if the Vendor's application is approved by a majority vote of the BOD.

17. Right to Appeal

Any Vendor who has vending and membership rights terminated as a result of an investigation of product legitimacy may appeal the determination.

The Vendor shall have seven (7) days from the date of receipt of the written determination to file a written appeal and mail it to the Market Manager. The Vendor shall include evidence to support the appeal along with this request.

The OFM Board will review the appeal within seven (7) days of the Market's receipt of the Vendor's appeal request.

If the determination is reversed on appeal, the Vendor's membership and vending privileges will be immediately restored.

The Board's decision upon review of the appeal shall be final and binding.

In no event shall any person be entitled to recover damages from the Orleans Farmers' Market for being denied vending privileges based on good faith enforcement of the Market's Rules and Regulations.

18. Product Challenge Form

Orleans Farmers' Market, Inc. Handbook of Rules and Regulations PRODUCT CHALLENGE FORM

In circumstances concerning a complaint against any vendor by another vendor regarding the origination/legitimacy of their produce, product, or goods, the complaining vendor shall complete this form and submit it, in a timely fashion, directly to the Market Manager. The identity of the complainant will not be revealed by OFM Management. The complaint will then be reviewed by the BOD and acted upon within 7 days.

Name of Vendor with product(s) you are challenging:

Specific product(s) about which you are concerned:

Market date at which the product was sold:

State the specifics of the complaint. Provide any evidence that supports your challenge:

Name:	
Business Name <u>:</u>	
Address:	
Phone:	
Signature:	_Date: