

Manchester Parks and Recreation Farmers Market Bylaws

Article One – Organization The name of this organization shall be the Manchester Parks and Recreation Farmers Market. The initial office of the corporation shall be the Manchester Recreation Complex located at 557 N. Woodland Street, Manchester, TN, 37355.

Article Two – Purpose The Manchester Parks and Recreation Farmers Market has been organized on a non-profit (profit) basis for the following purposes: (1) To provide market capabilities for farmers to promote their products directly to the consumer. (2) To provide high-quality produce to consumers at a reasonable price. (3) To establish and maintain basic operating standards and representation for members. (4) To provide the Manchester Parks and Recreation Farmers Market with publicity to promote the sale of Tennessee produce.

Article Three – Membership 1. Membership shall be open to any bonafide farmer (marketer), raising 50 percent (0-100) of his/her produce, and who meets all requirements as set forth in these bylaws. (The Winter Market may make exceptions for non-producers or dealers, one-crop farmers and very small growers who may only sell one or two times during the season). 2. The Farmers Market Manager shall be responsible for accepting new members; however, any bonafide farmer (marketer) who has been refused membership shall have the right to appeal before the Manchester Parks and Recreation Commission. The winter market allows Anyone who produces, creates or assembles their products/items/pieces. This would include painters, jewelers, potters, woodworkers, etc.

Article Four – Meetings 1. There shall be at least one membership meeting of the Manchester Parks and Recreation Farmers Market held each year. Thirty days' notice will be given to all members prior to the date of the meeting. 2. The scheduling and location of meetings shall be decided by a majority vote of the members present at the previous meeting. Special meetings shall be held at the call of the Chair of the Recreation and Parks Commission, after due notification of all members. Three or more members may direct the Chair to call a special meeting.

Article Five – Board of Directors 1. The government of the Manchester Parks and Recreation Farmers Market shall fall under the direction of the Manchester Parks and Recreation Commission.

Article Six – Duties of Board of Directors 1. The duties of the board of directors shall be to receive reports on the association, direction given by the Farmers Market Manager regarding program of activities; to prepare a budget for each operating period (space cost, insurance, market manager, advertising) and recommend daily, monthly or seasonal rental rates per stall.

Article Seven – Duties of Manager 1. The Manager shall report to the Manchester Parks and Recreation Commission when, in his/her judgment, there is business to be transacted. 2. The secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings during the meeting. 5. The manager shall perform such duties general charge of the ordinary and usual business operations of the association, including the purchasing, marketing and handling of all products and supplies handled by the Manchester Parks and Recreation Farmers Market.

Article Eight – Market Rules and Operating Guidelines The market rules and operating guidelines shall be developed each year by the Manchester Farmers Market Manager and submitted at the Manchester Parks and Recreation Commission. Rules and operating guidelines may be amended, added to or deleted from at any time only by majority Manchester Parks and Recreation Commission.