City of Chesapeake Zoning Requirements for Market Vendors

Farmer's Market: A building, structure or place used by a group of farmers or producers to conduct and open air sale of locally or regionally produced agricultural, horticultural or aquacultural produce, such as vegetables, fruit, herbs, grains, mushrooms, flowers, potted or bedding plants, honey, meat dairy, egg, fish, shrimp, oysters or clams, directly to the public on a regular basis. Handcrafted products (such as wooden furniture or textiles), value added products (such as jam, beeswax candle) or other handmade food products (such as baked goods) may be sold, but the total sum of vendors of these goods may not comprise the majority of the vendors. All products offered for sale are to be grown, raised or produced, at least in part, by the vendors: the resale of products is not permitted. For purposes of this definition, locally or regionally produced shall include any agricultural, horticultural or aquacultural produce that is grown, raised or produced either (1) within four hundred (400) miles of the city; or (2) in the Commonwealth of Virginia or the State of North Carolina. No produce or products shall be labeled or otherwise identified as "local" unless grown, raised or produced within one hundred (100) miles of the city. For purposes of this definition, value added items shall include items that are derived from or contain a main ingredient from the agricultural or horticultural produce on sale at the farmers market.

Food Trucks and Foods Prepared on Site: Food trucks or restaurants wishing to apply must adhere to the City of Chesapeake zoning requirements that the majority and the main ingredients in the dishes must be from local or regional produce or other ag products.

Baked Goods and Prepared/Packaged Foods: wishing to apply must adhere to the City of Chesapeake zoning requirements that the majority and the main ingredients in the dishes must be from local or regional produce or other ag products.

Preserves, Jams, Fruit Butters, Sauces and Salsas: Preference will be given to vendors growing these items themselves, Documentation of local or regional ingredients may be requested.

Handmade or Crafted Products: Crafters and artisans wishing to apply must adhere to the City of Chesapeake zoning requirements that the majority and the main ingredients in the dishes must be from local or regional products.

Herbs, Flowers, Mushrooms, Bedding Plants: These items must be grown locally by the vendor. Resale is not permitted.