Dear Local Farmer and Business Owner,

We are excited to again host the Locust Farmer’s Market for its fourth season in the City of Locust. With this packet of information, we would like to extend a warm welcome for you to join this open-air market beginning Thursday May 4th, 2017. We sincerely hope you will accept our invitation to be a part of this festive environment wherein buyers meet their neighbors and other local farmers.

Locust is a rural community with few local retailers and our residents embrace the opportunity to buy local, delicious foods and goods here in town. We’re excited to get this up and running again this year. As to not interfere with other local markets in the area, we’ll host our market on Thursday from 11:00am until 4:00pm. The residents in the western end of Stanly County can purchase fresh food, local goods, meet neighbors, and make new friends! We’re certain it will continue to grow into an event that people will look forward to each week.

The market will be housed across from Locust Elementary School, in an open field on the edge of Hwy 24/27 and corner of Vella Drive. The City of Locust Parks & Recreation department is managing this market. A list of market rules are included in this packet. Please review all pages, sign and return required paperwork to the City of Locust.

We look forward to hearing from you very soon.

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Farmers Market Terms and Conditions

Terms & Conditions of the Locust Farmer’s Market

1. Vendors must pay a $20.00 annual fee. Fee must be paid to the City of Locust BEFORE setting up.
2. Vendors selling fruits and vegetables will have an annual farm visit by the NC Cooperative Extension staff. This should be done at least one week before vendor plans on selling at market. Call Dustin Adcock at 704-290-9191 to set up an appointment. The Vendors must provide proof of inspection.
3. Vendors selling any processed foods must provide a Tax ID number.
4. All vendors may only sell items that have been listed in their application and approved by the City of Locust.
5. All Vendors vehicles are to be parked as instructed by the City of Locust employees.
6. Selling out of a vehicle or trailer is only allowed on the far side of the market, unless otherwise instructed by a City of Locust employee. No cars should be parked on the roadside of the market.
7. The Market will be open on Thursdays from 11:00am – 4:00pm from May 4th until September 28th. Market dates and hours can be extended for special events if needed, with prior approval from the City of Locust.
8. All products MUST be of high quality. Products should be displayed on a portable table provided by the vendor in an appealing manner. Baskets or other appropriate containers for fruits and vegetables may be displayed around the table on the floor. Larger items such as pumpkins and melons, may be displayed directly on the floor.
9. We will not allow the selling of live animals, flea market items, alcoholic beverages, or tobacco products.
10. Prices MUST be posted at all times.
11. Signs, which have been approved by a City of Locust employee, may be placed by the roadside during market hours.
12. *Must arrive at least 15 minutes prior to selling time, but no earlier than 9:45am. You must stay until closing at 4:00pm, weather permitting. Vendors who sell out may leave early, if they choose.*
13. Anyone using scales must have them inspected but the NCDA before grower can use them at the market.
14. The use of tobacco is not permitted in the market.
15. All vendors must conduct themselves in a professional manner. The Locust Farmer’s Market is in such close proximately to schools and homes and a zero tolerance policy will be observed. Profanity will not be tolerated. We want to keep this market a friendly atmosphere that attracts customers, therefore we expect our vendors to be as clean, courteous, and friendly as possible. Any vendor who continues to make derogatory comments about other vendors to market patrons will be asked to leave.
16. Vendors can sell products for any price they choose. Vendors are not to ask others to increase their prices as this is a “free market” and items can be sold at the price deemed appropriate by each vendor. Prices must be posted for all items.
17. Any complaints, disputes, or violations of these terms and conditions may be taken by voice or in writing to the Parks and Recreation employees or the City of Locust office. Complaints should be handled either before the market opens or after the market closes so as not to interrupt market sales. Three violations of the Locust Farmer’s Market’s terms and conditions and/or excessive unfounded complaints, as determined by the City of Locust, may result in suspension or loss of selling privileges.

18. The seller is responsible for cleaning up and removing trash around his/her space and maintaining safety in the area. Selling privileges will be revoked from those who do not clean up and remove trash at the end of the selling day or who do not adhere to the Farmer’s Market terms and conditions.

Compliance of the Farmer’s Market Rules
The City of Locust reserves the right to modify or change the terms and conditions as it becomes necessary.

General Control
The City of Locust shall have the general control and supervision of the market, the buildings, the parking lot, and the adjoining areas. The City of Locust and/or the Market Coordinator shall collect all fees from vendors and users prior to the market opening.

Denial
The City of Locust has the authority to deny any person the privilege of operating on the markets. He/she is required to remove anybody using methods that are detrimental to attendance at the markets or contrary to the market’s policies.

Removal
The City of Locust shall have the authority to order/remove any person or dispossess any vendor from the market for any violation of these market terms and conditions, or who may be guilty of violating ordinances of the city, county, or state law, or who fails to obey any lawful orders of the City of Locust.

Please sign at bottom of application on following page.
Farmer’s Market Vendor Application
Hosted by the City of Locust - Thursdays from 11-4 pm beginning May 4th

Please complete and return to Locust City Hall
186 Ray Kennedy Drive - P.O. Box 190 - Locust, NC 28097

Business Information
Business/Farm Name: ______________________________________________________

Mailing Address: __________________________________________________________________

Phone: ______________________________________________________________________

Email: ______________________________________________________________________

Website: _____________________________________________________________________

Best way to contact you: ______________________________________________________

Products
(Please give a description of your farm and products you intend to sell) (If non-food items, please provide pictures or link to website)

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By signing below, you have read and agree to the terms and conditions of the Locust Farmers Market. Please sign and return with application to the City of Locust.

Signature: _____________________________________________________________________

Name: ______________________________________________________________________