



Lancaster Market FAQs

What is the Lancaster Market and how is it different from 2nd Saturday?

The Lancaster Market is a community market aimed to provide a variety of fresh foods, local vendors and a unique gathering place for the community.

The Lancaster Market and 2nd Saturday are collaborating to offer more vendor opportunities and community programming in the Town Square. The primary difference is vendors must pay to participate in the Lancaster Market.

Will there only be farmers and growers at the Lancaster Market?

The Lancaster Market is a community market whose primary goal is to provide healthier and varied food options to the community but also to create a place that families and friends can gather. Along with promoting local businesses and artisans.

What is the benefit of having a market?

It is simply to provide the community with access to healthier food options without having travel outside of Lancaster. As well as offering, a common place for the community to relax, have fun and enjoy with family and friends!

How can I become a vendor at the Lancaster Market?

First, read the Lancaster Market Rules & Regulations and ask questions if necessary! Then fill out the necessary application(s) and pay the required fees. You can find those applications and rules & regulations online at www.lancaster-tx.com.

How can I become a vendor at the Lancaster Market if I am apart of or own a non-profit organization?

Non-profit vendors will complete a vendor application making sure to check the box "non-profit and/or community organizations". These vendors will not pay a fee to vend but will have to provide documentation from the IRS verifying their 501c (3) status, as well as, describing their organization in as much detail as possible and listing any fundraising items on the vendor application.

Why do food vendors have to pay two separate fees?

That is because Dallas County Environmental Services administers the health inspections, as we do not have a Health department. The additional fee is to cover the cost of the inspection fees from Dallas County.

How often will the Lancaster Market occur?

Currently we are planning to operate as often as we can provide quality vendors. In the future, we hope to operate twice a month.

What about cooking demonstrations and sampling?

Right now, we are not allowing vendors to provide samples or cooking demonstrations as we are figuring out all the necessary requirements to do so with the Dallas County Environmental Health Division. We hope to have all the requirements soon.

Is it possible to pay for vendor space for the whole season?

As optimistic as we are for growth, we are not currently offering an “annual fee” for the market season. This is simply because we are still figuring out a true “market schedule” that works for the vendors and the market. Stay tuned!

Will I have to pay the vendor application fee (and the temporary food establishment permit fee) every time I want to vend?

Unfortunately, because we do not currently offer an annual season fee vendors will have to pay every time they want to vend. We are hoping to have a fee in place that secures those that are consistent and quality vendors.

Can I submit and/or apply online to become a vendor?

Currently, you are not able to submit online but are able to email the necessary documents to dpowell@lancaster-tx.com, mail them to P.O. Box 940, Lancaster, TX 75146 or come in-person to City Hall at 211 N. Henry Street, Lancaster, TX 75146. Payments can also be made in-person at City Hall or over the phone.