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2024 Inspection Agreement

*All applications and necessary related materials must be submitted
no later than 12:00 noon on March 1, 2024.*

The Cooperstown Farmers' Market provides a central location for local producers to sell their products. The purpose of the market is to support and encourage locally grown products and locally made crafts. To this end, 100% of the goods sold at the market must be grown or produced by the vendor within a 50-Mile radius of the market. (For exceptions refer to rule 26.) The application requires all products be listed and the Vendor Selection Committee reviews products in the jury process. To help ensure that this rule is enforced, the following guidelines apply.

Rule 20. 'VENDOR' INSPECTIONS. Vendors will have their operation inspected on a three-year-rotating basis and in response to complaints filed by other vendors or the public. All new vendors will be inspected in their first season. Inspections will be carried out by the Market Manager. In the case of a grievance filed regarding a suspected violation, an inspection may be conducted by a third-party.

Guidelines: Inspection criteria will be based on the vendor's market application. The purpose is to establish that crops or animals (meat, fish, poultry, dairy, eggs, fiber) listed on the application are grown at the farm and in corresponding amounts to what is sold at the market. For vendors that are not growers, the purpose is to establish that the necessary capabilities and ingredients exist to fulfill the products listed on the application.

The Market reserves the right to inspect the farm, kitchen, and/or production facilities of the vendor. The inspection will be conducted with at least 24-hour notice unless otherwise permitted by the vendor. The inspection will be made with a vendor representative present unless otherwise permitted by the vendor. Refusal to permit an inspection can result in suspension from the market.

Violations of the agreed upon vendor application and/or state and federal law will be addressed by a hearing before the Market Governing Committee, at which time the vendor may present data to clarify the situation (e.g. In the case of animals – the purchasing, feed, and processing records). Within 10 working days the Market Governing Committee will render a decision. Disciplinary actions include, but are not limited to, temporary or permanent suspension from the market and/or fines.

I have read the terms of the 2024 Inspection Agreement and agree to abide by them.

Business Name: _____

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____