

**Energy Corridor Farmers Market**  
Amended October 2016

**ARTICLE 1. NAME**

This organization shall be known as the Energy Corridor Farmers Market

**ARTICLE 2. PURPOSE**

It is the mission of the Energy Corridor Farmers Market to provide residents and visitors of the Energy Corridor District and West Houston with access to locally grown and seasonal fresh foods, to provide a community gathering place, promote relationships with food producers and artisans, encourage local food production in and surrounding the Houston area, and educate the community about the nutritional health and culinary benefits of consuming locally-grown and seasonal fresh foods and to encourage home cooking and family meals.

**ARTICLE 3. MEMBERSHIP**

Any gardener, farmer, or producer with Texas homegrown or homemade products shall be eligible for membership in the organization by agreeing to abide by the by-laws and established rules of operation. Members will be allowed to sell after providing proof of applicable insurances and licenses, provided the market has not reached capacity. Those who participate in the market will be considered members; i.e. membership will not be granted to those on the waiting list.

Famers Market membership runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>

The Farmers Market will not be operational the following months:

July

August

Last two weeks of December

January

February

**ARTICLE 4. FULL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

There shall be an annual meeting of the full membership, at which time By-laws may be reviewed and/or amended. This meeting shall be held in the late fall, after the end of the market season. The date of this meeting will be set by September 30. Notice of the meeting and a meeting agenda, including all proposed amendments, must be sent so that members receive notice at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting.

**ARTICLE 5. MARKET DUES**

All market fees will be collected the day of the market 15-30 minutes prior to the end of the market. The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on January 1 and end on December 31.

**ARTICLE 6. DISSOLUTION**

In the event of liquidation or dissolution, all remaining funds in the farmers market treasury shall be distributed to the Energy Corridor District regardless of chronology of such patronage, on the basis of respective patronage contributions as shown on the books and in the records of the farmers market, insofar as practicable, and after satisfying all debts and other obligations of the farmers market.