



HOW CAN I START A FARMERS' MARKET?

THIS GUIDE WILL WALK YOU THROUGH CITY DEFINITIONS, PROCESSES, AND REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO FARMERS' MARKETS.

CITY OF LAKEWOOD

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ZONING

First, check your zoning. Are you in a residential, commercial, mixed-use, or industrial zone?

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SHORT TERM TEMPORARY USE PERMIT

Complete the free short-term temporary use application.

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SALES TAX LICENSE

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FIND YOUR ZONING

A Go to "What's my Zone District?" page: www.lakewood.org/whatsmyzoning. Type in your address.

⚠ Type your address without punctuation. The system will not recognize your address if there is punctuation.

B A map will appear with an icon on your property. Click on the button "More Detail."

C A small window will open. Scroll until you see "Zoning." This will list the code for your zone district. Click on the code to download a summary sheet of your zone district.



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IS YOUR ZONE ELIGIBLE

Any zone district that allows for a RETAIL use is eligible to host a farmers' market.



MIXED USE - COMMERCIAL LIGHT INDUSTRIAL

Retail is an allowed land use for mixed-use, commercial, and light industrial zone districts. You are eligible to host a farmers' market. Continue below for next steps.



RESIDENTIAL

The only farmers' markets allowed in residential zone districts are those located on church or school properties.

➔ If you're not located on a church or school property, check out the **Residential Sales Guide** to find out how you can sell produce from your home garden.

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COMPLETE THE FREE SHORT-TERM TEMPORARY USE APPLICATION

Why do I need to fill this out?

This form gives the Planning Department a chance to review the farmers' market setup and location, inform City departments that the farmers' market is allowed, and ensure you are aware of what standards the farmers' market must meet (parking, fire access, etc.). Please note that the property owner must provide written authorization for the farmers' market on their property.

What does "Short-term" mean?

You are allowed to operate your short-term temporary use for a period of 120 days per calendar year.

What if I want to have a year-round farmers' market?

You will need to ensure that you are in a zone district that allows for Retail (see STEP 1) and that the building meets all applicable zoning and building code standards.



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