

#### **MISSION**

The Kingston Public Market's mission is to support local artisans, growers, and small businesses by gathering our community together in the heart of Kingston, WA.

We want KPM to be a fun, welcoming, and inviting Market to both Vendors and Guests. It is our goal to bring our community together, so we must all be respectful of one another to create a positive environment that everyone can enjoy.

All Vendors & Members, Staff, and Volunteers of the Kingston Public Market are expected to behave towards each other in a professional manner that fosters a sense of community and Market camaraderie, a spirit of cooperative involvement, and promotes the Market as a whole to the North Kitsap community and beyond.

# **MARKET SEASON & HOURS**

The Kingston Public Market season runs from May through early October at Mike Wallace Park in Kingston, WA.

The Kingston Public Market operates on Sundays from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM with occasional "special event" extended hours.

### SITE MANAGEMENT

During Market hours, the Market Manager will collect fees, direct set-up, assign booths as needed, and decide any immediate issues affecting the overall Market. The Market Manager will be inspecting tents to ensure they are properly secured and/or tied down. All questions or issues should be directed to the Market Manager or one of the KPM Board Representatives at the Information Booth.

## **SET-UP AND TAKEDOWN**

Vendors may begin setting up their booths as early as 7:00 AM. Vendors are required to be on site and out of the loading zone no later than 9:00 AM and fully set up by 9:45 AM in order to participate in that day's Market.

Vendors are required to stay for the entire Market Day, and are responsible for taking down their set-up, disposing of their own garbage, and leaving their spot trash-free. We ask that everyone leave as quickly, efficiently, and safely as possible. All Vendors, Market Staff, and Volunteers must vacate the property no later than 5:00 PM.

If you require additional help setting up or taking down your booth, please ask the Market Manager, a Market Representative, or a designated Volunteer, and they will be happy to help!

### **VENDOR PARKING**

Vendors may park *temporarily* in the customer parking zone next to the Market while loading/unloading, however, Vendors must move their vehicle after unloading. Vendors *may not* park in the Port of Kingston's Free 2 Hour Parking during Market hours.

Parking is available in the Port of Kingston lot for a daily fee, or Members of the Kingston Public Market may purchase a Seasonal Parking Pass for use on Market days at a discounted rate.

If you have a Handicap Permit, contact the Market Manager to secure a parking space ahead of selected Market days.

If you need help finding the correct place to park, the Market Manager can help you.

#### **VENDOR BOOTHS AND SPACES**

Vendor participation and Market set-up is at the discretion of the Market Manager. The goal is to create a Market layout that is complementary to all Vendors and to the Market as a whole.

The standard Market booth size is 10 feet X 10 feet, though vendors may pay for a larger space. Vendors are required to delineate their space, using canopies. Vendor setups should be neat and appealing and not spill out onto or block walkways for this is a fire code violation.

All vendors who wish to erect canopies on the Market site during a normal period of Market operations, including the set up and break down period, are required to have their canopies sufficiently and safely anchored to the ground from the time their canopy is put up to the time it is taken down. Any Vendor who fails to properly anchor their canopy will not be allowed to sell at the Market on that Market Day.

Vendors may rent a tent from the Market, and are on a first come, first serve basis.

Vendors may obtain electricity from the Port of Kingston if they are Members of the Kingston Public Market. Contact the Market Manager for help with selecting a site with access. The Market does not provide water to individual booths but there are potable water spigots available on-site.

# **APPLYING TO KPM**

Vendors interested in participating in the Kingston Public Market must complete an application through Manage My Market (https://www.managemymarket.com). Once submitted, the Board of Directors will assign a jury committee to review all applications. Applicants will be notified of acceptance or denial within two weeks of the review date.

While KPM gives preference to returning vendors in good standing, acceptance is not guaranteed.

All applications are subject to jury review and will be evaluated based on several factors, including but not limited to: product quality, booth presentation, customer demand, and overlap with similar vendors.

New applicants—or returning vendors offering a new category of products—must include photographs with their application.

Accepted vendors will be notified via email and will be required to submit all pertinent documents through Manage My Market prior to the start of the market season.

### **FEES**

The Board of Directors sets all fees for participation in the Kingston Public Market. These fees may be adjusted periodically and are established to balance several key factors: the cost of market operations, support for vendors, and local market conditions.

Fees may include, but are not limited to, an Annual Membership Fee and Daily Booth Fees.

As part of the application process, all vendors are required to enter their payment information through Manage My Market.

Fees will be collected by the Market Manager at the beginning of each market day unless prepaid in advance. KPM accepts cash, checks, and credit cards for payment.

KPM does not collect a percentage of vendor sales.

# **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES & BENEFITS**

- ♦ KPM Special Full Season Package
- 23-week commitment
- Membership: \$50
- Weekly Rate: \$25
- Total (Paid in Full, No Refunds): \$625
- Must register and pay by May 1 to qualify for this package
- ♦ KPM Basic Membership
- Membership: \$75
- Weekly Rate: \$40
- ♦ Drop-In Vendors (up to 3 visits)
- Weekly Rate: \$50
- On the 4th visit, vendors must register under the KPM Basic Membership

- All drop-in vendors must apply via Manage My Market (https://www.managemymarket.com) and will be juried prior to approval
- ♦ Food Vendors

- Weekly Rate: \$50

- Membership Fee: \$75

- Kitsap Fire Department Inspection Fee: \$100 (required for all food vendors)

♦ Farmers

- Drop-In Rate: \$20 per visit (up to 3 visits)

- On the 4th visit, farmers must become members at a \$50 Membership Fee
- All farmers are required to apply through Manage My Market.

#### **PARKING PASSES**

In order to provide more affordable parking in Kingston for our Vendors, Members & Food Vendors may purchase a Seasonal Parking Pass through KPM, which is valid within the Port of Kingston pay lot. Vendors who sign up early will receive a discount on their Parking Pass fee.

### **OTHER FEES**

KPM offers other services to our Vendors and Market Members, such as tent rentals and electrical hookups (through the Port of Kingston). If you have other needs not listed, please reach out to the Market Manager, and they will try to help you as best as they can. We want our Vendors to be successful!

Electrical	\$5/day or \$50/season	Contact Market Manager for availability
Tent Rental	\$25/day	Contact Market Manager for availability

### **GUEST VENDORS**

Guest Vendors and Drop-In Vendors may attend the Kingston Public Market only after their application has been submitted through <u>Manage My Market</u> and approved through the jury process. Approval is required prior to attending as a drop-in.

Once approved, spaces are assigned by the Market Manager on a first-come, first-served basis on market days.

Guest Vendors are welcome to attend the Market up to three (3) times without becoming a KPM Member. After the third visit, they are required to register under the KPM Basic Membership in order to continue participating.

### **NON-PROFITS**

KPM welcomes all non-profits to join us at the Market to provide information and fundraise within our community. 10'x10' spaces are provided free of charge to all non-profits who qualify. When completing the Vendor Application process through Manage My Market, select the "Non-Profit" option.

# **FOOD TRUCKS & FOOD VENDORS**

Self-contained kitchens in motorized trailers must be reviewed for approval by the Market Manager. Food Vendors must be able to move their set-up onto the site, without damage to the area.

Vendors preparing foods will be assigned an area that meets NK Fire Marshall requirements. Any Food Vendor who does not meet Fire Marshall or Health Department standards will be asked to stop all food sales and leave.

# **FARMS / PRODUCE**

Farm/Produce Vendors are very important to the Kingston Public Market. The Market actively seeks and encourages locally grown fresh produce at the Market. Resale produce may be sold by Farm Vendors at the Kingston Public Market, so long as:

- 1. The Vendor is the only stop between the grower and the consumer.
- 2. All produce is grown in Washington.
- 3. If produce is sold as local, the Vendor must list the farm(s) where the produce was grown.
- 4. Re-sellers must label their products as being "re-sold" (or other synonymous term)
- 5. Brokers, who sell none of their own produce, must apply to the Board of Directors in writing prior to selling at the Market.

### **FOOD PROCESSORS**

Perishable farm products and baked goods must be appropriately packaged and handled, complying with any applicable regulations of the Kitsap County Health Department.

The Kingston Public Market is committed to bringing high quality products, produce, and foodstuffs to the community. Any goods that are not of sufficient quality may be required to be removed from sale by the Market Manager.

# **ORGANIC LABELING**

Vendors may advertise their produce and foodstuffs as "naturally grown", "unsprayed", etc. but not "organic" without formal certification, since use of the term "certified organic" is restricted by State law to those who have, in fact, been certified by the Washington State Department of Agriculture. Uncertified vendors are asked to not use the specific term "organic". All Vendors are required to advertise truthfully and to respond to customers' questions in a fair manner.

### LIABILITY INSURANCE

The Kingston Public Market carries liability insurance that covers people for personal injury while they are on the Market site. In addition, all KPM Vendors are required to carry a current general liability policy.

The policy limit should be a minimum of 1 million per occurrence with a 2 million aggregate limit that does not exclude products. Each Vendor policy needs to list The Kingston Public Market as an additional insured or contain a blanket additional insured endorsement.

All Vendors must provide the Market with a Certificate of Insurance (COI) confirming coverage prior to their first day at the Market. Vendors will not be allowed to participate without proper insurance coverage. Need help? Contact the Market Manager.

There are several companies who offer artist and/or farmers' Market insurance out there. Our insurance company has provided a couple of links that have KPM pre-listed as the secondary insured party: <u>ACT Artist & Crafter Insurance</u> and <u>FLIP Farmers' Market Insurance</u>.

Two additional resources to check out are <u>NEXT Insurance</u> and <u>Thimble Farmers' Market Insurance</u>. If you can't access the links or need help navigating the options, contact the Market Manager.

# **PERMITS AND LICENSING**

It is each Vendor's responsibility to get and maintain any licenses or permits necessary for their particular operation. Vendors must comply with all Kitsap County Health and Fire Department regulations and licensing requirements. All required permits shall be displayed. All vendors must follow sanitary procedures. Any Vendor found selling contaminated foodstuffs or produce shall be suspended from selling at the Market until satisfactory clearance has been obtained from the Kitsap County Health Department.

#### **RETAIL & RESALE**

The Kingston Public Market allows both handcrafted and resale items to be sold as long as it meets the policies and guidelines herein, and is approved by The Kingston Public Market Board of Directors.

All merchandise must be on tables, not on the lawn. The exception to this would be items that are too large or too heavy. Ask the Market Manager to review.

All merchandise must be displayed in an orderly and safe manner.

The Market's intent is to encourage a relaxed, friendly, and welcoming Market and ask our Vendors to avoid items that will offend visitors, and present a visually tidy and enticing Market. The interpretation of these rules, including allowable merchandise, will be solely at the discretion of the Market Manager, who may ask you to leave if he/she feels you are violating any of the above.

Things you may NOT sell, display, or use to proselytize: pornography, religious materials, firearms, political materials.

#### **SERVICES**

Services may be sold at the Kingston Public Market provided they are performed on-site (e.g. chair massage, knife sharpening). If the service cannot reasonably be provided on-site, the Vendor may solicit future prospects and sales.

#### **PRICING**

The Kingston Public Market is a retail Market. Prices charged should be fair to all Vendors, and comparable to pricing in the community. Intentional undercutting will be considered unfair and the Vendor may be asked to leave by the Market Manager.

# **PRODUCT QUALITY**

The Market Manager will make the final judgment on the suitability of any specific Vendor's operation for the Kingston Public Market.

# **PETS**

Personal pets are not permitted while vendors are on site at the Kingston Public Market.

In accordance with the ADA, only service animals individually trained to perform tasks for a person with a disability are permitted.

Vendors who require a service animal are encouraged to notify the Board of Directors in advance so appropriate accommodations can be made.

# **SMOKING, ALCOHOL, AND DRUGS**

Vendors may not smoke (cigarettes, vapes, marijuana, etc) on the Kingston Public Market grounds. Vendors may not be under the influence of alcohol or drugs during Market hours, nor have any alcohol or drugs on the Market premises, other than Beer and Wine sold by licensed Market Vendors.

#### **KPM LOGO USE**

Any Vendor that wishes to imprint their products with the Kingston Public Market logo may apply to the Board of Directors in writing for Board approval and conditions of use. The Board will reply in writing within 30 days of application. Vendors selling logo items will pay the Kingston Public Market a 15% royalty per item sold.

# THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Kingston Public Market is governed by a Board of Directors. Members are welcome to submit suggestions and file grievances and concerns to the Board of Directors.

# **GRIEVANCES AND CONCERNS**

Should a Vendor or other Member feel their rights as a Member of the Kingston Public Market have been violated in some way, or feel that another Vendor, Board Member, or someone else has acted outside of their authority with the Kingston Public Market or in a way that harms the

Kingston Public Market as a whole, the following steps should be taken:

1. The grievance or concern should be put in writing and include a clear and specific description of the problem and the name(s) of the person(s) involved, a description of the ways in which the person has attempted to resolve the matter (if appropriate), and at least two courses of

action that would satisfy the writer (if appropriate). These should include, but not be limited to:

i) Mediation between involved parties.

ii) Forming a board committee to hear all sides of the issue & recommend action to the

Board.

iii) Determine that the issue does not warrant formal steps to resolve it and should

be handled through other channels.

2. Copies of this correspondence should be sent to the President of the Board of Directors and to

all persons involved in the grievance or concern. This must be signed correspondence.

3. The Board of Directors has final authority in deciding the outcome of grievances.

COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors will appoint committees as needed to handle the business and operation of the Kingston Public Market. These committees will be chaired by a member of the Board of Directors and can include other Vendors and Members of the Kington Public Market and surrounding communities. These committees may be standing (ongoing) or ad hoc (set up for a

single purpose and disbanded when the task is done.)

**SOCIAL MEDIA** 

We want to encourage our Vendors to promote when they'll be attending the Market. KPM runs several social media accounts that will post about upcoming Market days, special events, and more. If you want your business to be featured on KPM's accounts, be sure to follow and tag us!

Don't forget to share KPM's announcements and invite your friends to the Market!

Facebook @thekingstonpublicmarket

Instagram: @thekingstonpublicmarket

CONTACT

We are always looking to grow and evolve. Have a suggestion? We want to hear it! Have a

question? Ask it!

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