

FARMERS MARKETS

"A designated location used primarily for the sale of food directly to consumers by farmers and other producers"



Hope Farms Rolling Green Market at Bering's on Westheimer

Farmers Markets News Across the Region

Shenandoah's new farmers market opened in April 2021 at Metropark Square.

Huntsville Downtown Farmers Market opened in May 2021 at Rather Park.

Jersey Village hosts a farmers market twice a month, with hopes to expand.

Humble will soon have a new monthly farmers market at Schott Park.

Considerations for Supporting Farmers Markets

- Many cities offer in-kind support, including staff time, storage space, signage, parking, electricity, port-a-potties, running water, waste disposal or street closures
- Some cities have streamlined the permit application process; annual permits that are applicable to the market, rather than each individual vendor, are easier to enforce
- Cities can recognize and legitimize farmers markets in zoning codes and master plans; some cities allow farmers markets to use vacant lots and other city-owned property
- Some cities allow for sales year-round, while others limit markets to temporary or seasonal schedules and limit hours of operation

Additional Guides

Building Healthy Foundations for Farmers Markets:

https://farmersmarketcoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/FMC_CFCS_Farmers_Market_Brief.pdf

Department of State Health Services Regulations:

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/foodestablishments/farmersmarkets/default.aspx>

Department of State Health Services FAQ:

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/foodestablishments/farmersmarkets/faq.aspx>

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