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2025 Braintree Farmers Market Vendor
Market Moolah & SNAP Benefits at the Braintree Farmers Market

Dear Sir or Madam:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has approved the Braintree Farmers Market as a SNAP benefits vendor for use at the Braintree Farmers' Market. Not only will this expand the customer base of people entering the market, it will make local products available to lower income individuals and families, exposing them to ways to eat healthier and lower their carbon footprint.

As you may know, SNAP benefits, also known as EBT or Food Stamps, have been subject to abuse. Therefore, we need to educate all participating vendors as to what these benefits may and may not be used for. You may find that none of the products you sell are eligible for SNAP benefits and therefore may decline to participate. We encourage everyone who sells eligible products to participate by reviewing and signing the enclosed agreement and returning it to along with your market application. In addition, we will also allow the public to purchase tokens not only with EBT benefits, but also with credit and debit cards, allowing people to make purchases with otherwise cash-only vendors.

BFM Director, Jonathan Stidham, has been instrumental in bringing the Market Moolah/SNAP program to our market and if you should have any questions about operations, please contact him directly by phone at 781-248-5893 or email jonathans@braintreefarmersmarket.org.

Braintree Farmers Market, INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Donna Ingemanson', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Donna Ingemanson,
Braintree Farmers Market Director

Encls.

**Market Moolah/SNAP
Program Vendor Agreement
Braintree Farmers Market, Inc.**

This agreement is between Braintree Farmers Market, Inc., corporation operating the Braintree Farmer's Market (herein referred to as "Braintree Farmer's Market") and _____, an authorized vendor (herein referred to as "Vendor").

This agreement allows the above-mentioned Vendor to participate in the Food Stamp Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) Card and the Market Moolah Programs at the Braintree Farmer's Market.

Vendor is bound by this agreement to follow all guidelines, as set forth by federal and state authorities and the Braintree Farmer's Market.

Braintree Farmer's Market reserves the right to immediately suspend or terminate any Vendor from the program if Braintree Farmer's Market observes, or receives evidence of, failure to abide by any of the agreements below.

Vendor may voluntarily quit participating in the EBT program at any time, but must notify Braintree Farmer's Market of such action.

The EBT Card Program will operate in the following manner:

Patrons who have been issued an authorized EBT card may purchase scrip in the form of metal tokens in \$1 denominations, up to the amount authorized, from designated Braintree Farmer's Market staff. The patron's EBT card will be debited for the value of the tokens purchased. Patrons will use the tokens only for purchase of eligible foods from authorized vendors at the Braintree Farmer's Market. Patrons have no time limit on the use of purchased tokens at the Braintree Farmer's Market. Credit for the value of these tokens will be returned to the patron's EBT card. Braintree Farmer's Market staff will exchange tokens by check in a timely manner, only with the designated agent of each authorized vendor. The only tokens used will be metal tokens with the unique imprint of Braintree Farmer's Market on each side, with the currency amount also imprinted on one side. The only tokens used will be in \$1 denominations. Absolutely NO CHANGE is to be given when using an EBT designated token. Purchases over the amount of tokens used should either be made by purchasing additional tokens or cash. Purchases under the amount of tokens, it is suggested that vendor give recipient an amount of product to represent the different, if possible.

The EBT Card Program will be strictly and carefully monitored at all times by Braintree Farmer's Market.

The Credit/Debit Card Program will operate in the following manner:

Patrons will be able to purchase tokens in \$5 denominations using their credit or debit cards. The patron's credit/debit card will be debited for the value of the tokens purchased. Patrons will use the tokens only for purchase of any items from participating vendors (and not those so limited under the previous EBT program). Patrons have no time limit on the use of purchased tokens at the Braintree Farmer's Market. Braintree Farmer's Market staff will exchange tokens by check the following market day, only with the designated agent of each authorized vendor. The only tokens used will be metal tokens with the unique imprint of Braintree Farmer's Market on each side, with the currency amount

also imprinted on one side. The only tokens used will be in \$5 denominations. Change may be given when using \$5 metal tokens

Vendor Agreements:

- Vendor agrees to designate a specific person to be an agent for this program. The designated agent shall be responsible for the vendor's participation in the program. The designated agent will be the only individual that may conduct token redemptions with Braintree Farmer's Market staff. The designated agent will need to provide adequate identification to Braintree Farmer's Market staff when redeeming tokens or otherwise representing the vendor in the token exchanges business.
- The designated agent for this vendor is: _____. Any change in designated agent must be made by the authorized vendor, in writing, before a different authorized agent will be allowed to redeem tokens.
- Vendor agrees to accept only Braintree Farmer's Market's metal tokens and will not accept any other market's tokens and/or printed scrip.
- Vendor agrees to accept the \$1 tokens only for the purchase of food stamp program-eligible foods, including: bread products, produce, meat, fish, poultry, eggs, dairy products, seeds, and plants which produce food to eat. The \$5 tokens may be used for any items.
- Vendor agrees that **no U.S. currency will be returned to the customer as change for EBT tokens**, if payment for product is solely by tokens. The value of the tokens received by Vendor will not exceed the posted value of the product purchased by the customer. (Customers will receive full value for their tokens.)
- Vendor agrees to not exchange any tokens for U.S. currency with any person except authorized Braintree Farmer's Market staff.
- Vendor agrees to post a sign (to be provided by Braintree Farmer's Market) identifying Vendor's stall as an authorized EBT vendor.
- Vendors are required to submit their tokens at the end of each market day at which time they will be given a receipt for the token amount which will be reimbursed via check by the Braintree Farmers Market.
- Tokens that are handed in at the end of market days must be counted and submitted by envelope to the market cashier with the total amount of tokens received and the vendor name written on the envelope. The BFM will provide envelopes.

Acceptance: *By signing below, I certify that I have read and understand the SNAP / FOOD STAMP/Market Moolah Program Vendor Agreement, and I agree to abide by them.*

Signature

Print Vendor/Farm Name

Print Name

Date