



Bylaws of The Hilliard Farmers Market

Mission and Governance Overview

The Hilliard Farmers Market is a local organization run for the benefit of the community, composed of *Board Members* and *Vendor Members*.

Membership

- *Board Members* - Consist of 2-5 individuals.
 - *President* and *Secretary*, with optional 1 *Treasurer* and up to 2 *Directors*.
- *Vendor Members* - All vendors are automatically enrolled as voting members.

Proposals

- *The President* alone can veto any proposal.
- A proposal receiving a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote shall be adopted.
- *The Board* can veto a proposal if all *Board Members* agree.
- *Vendor Members* can unanimously override any *Board/Presidential* veto.
- *Board Members* and *Vendor Members* can all make and vote on proposals.
- *The President* can be removed if *The Board* and all members vote unanimously.

Article I – Purpose

To run a community farmers market in Hilliard, Ohio, supporting local farmers, artisans, and vendors, and providing fresh, local goods.

Article II – Membership

All voting members are able to make and vote on all proposals.

Vendor Members are all vendors who have participated in the Market at least once in the past calendar year as/of date of vote. All vendors are automatically registered as voting members.

Board Members are elected through adopted proposals to oversee operations and finances.

Article III – Board of Directors

- Size: 2–5 members (must include President and Secretary).
- Duties: regular meetings, represent the Market, keep records, certify votes...
- Term: One year, re-election allowed.

Article IV – Checks and Balances

1. All Members can make and vote on proposals.
2. Board veto: Requires unanimous Board agreement.
3. President veto: May stop any decision alone.
4. Member override: Non-Board members may unanimously override any Board veto.
5. Removal of President: Requires unanimous vote of both the Board and all members.

Article V – Finances

Fiscal year: January 1–December 31.

An EIN and bank account will be maintained by *The Board/Treasurer* with all funds going to Market operations. *The Board* holds ultimate fiduciary responsibility for the Market.

If dissolved, any funds go to a nonprofit chosen by member vote or default to the City of Hilliard.

Article VI – Amendments

Bylaws may be changed by $\frac{3}{4}$ majority member vote, except veto and removal rules, which require unanimity of Board and members.

Diagram – Checks & Balances

Members <---propose/vote---> Board (2–5 members)

President: can veto alone, but can only be removed
if BOTH Board + Vendor members vote unanimously.

