

Brookings Farmers Market

Solicitation and Petitioning Policy

The Brookings Farmers Market exists to create a welcoming, accessible community space that supports local producers, small businesses, and meaningful connections. To protect that experience for customers, vendors, and participants, the market has established the following guidelines related to solicitation and petitioning.

Market Purpose and Use of Space

Vendor and nonprofit service provider booths are committee-approved and reserved for the sale of goods, free educational and physical activities, and community engagement aligned with the market's mission. Unapproved solicitation is not permitted within the vendor area or market footprint.

Definition and Boundaries

1. Solicitations such as petitioning, signature-gathering, campaigning, and distributing materials to passersby (including leafleting) are not permitted within the defined market footprint, including vendor booths.
2. The market footprint is physically defined each market day by the road closure and placement of vendor booths.
3. Individuals and groups are welcome to engage in these activities outside of the market footprint, including adjacent public spaces, as permitted by applicable laws and regulations. Areas outside of the market footprint are not managed or regulated by the market.
4. Pre-approved vendor and nonprofit booths may conduct fundraising, education, and outreach activities within their designated space, provided these activities do not involve petitioning, signature-gathering, or actively soliciting passersby in market walkways.

Time, Place, and Manner Expectations

To ensure a safe and comfortable environment for all, the following expectations apply to all individuals within the market area, regardless of activity:

1. Do not block walkways, entrances, exits, or access to vendor booths.
2. Do not initiate interactions with customers within vendor spaces or while they are actively engaged with a vendor.
3. Do not follow, pressure, or repeatedly engage individuals who decline interaction.
4. Keep all activities at a volume and scale appropriate for a family-friendly, public setting.

Respect for Market Experience

The market serves a wide range of community members, including families and children. All participants are expected to contribute to an environment that feels welcoming and respectful. Behavior that disrupts market operations or negatively impacts vendors or customers may result in removal from the market area.

Enforcement

Market staff are responsible for implementing this policy. Individuals, groups, or vendors who do not comply with these guidelines will be asked to relocate and may be required to leave if non-compliance continues. If necessary, additional support may be requested to ensure compliance.

Consistent Application

This policy is applied uniformly to all individuals and groups, regardless of the topic, viewpoint, or affiliation of the activity.

The Solicitation and Petitioning Policy was implemented in April 2026.

