

# Midland Area Farmers Market Vendor Agreement: EBT/Bridge Card/Food Stamp Tokens

The Midland Area Farmers Market, in partnership with Wolverine Bank, accepts EBT/Bridge Cards (food stamps). *Please be aware, and let your employees know, that there are three different kinds of tokens – ones for EBT, one for Double Up Food Bucks (DUFB) and ones for credit/debit card use. Credit/debit tokens are the ONLY ones that can receive cash change back for a purchase.*

## The EBT/Bridge Card process:

- Customers swipe their card at the Wolverine Bank booth and are given either \$1 or \$5 wooden tokens. The tokens indicate on them that they are for EBT only and no change is given. There is no fee to EBT customers or vendors for this service.
- Customers with unused tokens can save them to be spent at a later date. No refunds, cash or otherwise, will be given.



## Vendor Instructions on accepting EBT/Food Stamps:

- **NO CHANGE** can be given for EBT wooden tokens. This is an EBT friendly market and we request vendors take the responsibility to add or subtract product in order to create an even dollar amount if the customer does not have exact change.
- **YES, you can sell:** vegetables, fruit, dairy products, meat, eggs, bread, jam, pickles, and pastries. Also, seeds or plants that produce food can be sold (ie: tomato or parsley plants). Flowers, shrubs, and other non-edible plants cannot be purchased with wooden tokens.
- **NO, You cannot sell:** Hot foods, cut flowers, decorative plants, pet food or non-food items.
- It is **ILLEGAL** to exchange cash for food stamp benefits.
- Vendors will not exchange tokens for US currency.
- Vendors must post the furnished EBT sign provided by the market, identifying vendor's stall as an authorized EBT vendor.
- \$1 tokens will be worth the same as \$1 bills, \$5 tokens will be worth the same as a \$5 bill - products will be priced the same for EBT customers.
- EBT customers must pay for their purchase at the time of sale. Do not take payments before they get the items or give them items and accept payment later.
- Market tokens will be collected at the end of each Market day by the Wolverine Bank staff. The Chamber will create reimbursement checks at the beginning of each month.
- Do not mail tokens to the market office in an envelope; damaged tokens will not be reimbursed. Tokens should be submitted in-person and treated just like cash.
- If you ever have any questions or concerns about this program, please talk to a market staff member in person.

## Agreement:

- I agree to follow all of the above rules.
- I understand that if market staff observe or receive evidence of my failure to abide by this agreement, I will not be reimbursed for tokens collected incorrectly, the market will immediately suspend or terminate by approval to accept tokens, and the offense may result in a fine or affect my ability to participate in the market.
- I understand that it is my responsibility to inform my family and employees of these rules before they sell at the market on behalf of my farm or business.

**Please write here what name your EBT (and DUFB) reimbursement check should be made out to:**

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Vendor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_