

# **Rolla Downtown Farmers Market, Inc. Constitution**

## **Article I-Name**

The name of this organization shall be the Rolla Downtown Farmers Market, Inc.

## **Article II-Object**

To improve the production and marketing of local farm products in South-Central Missouri and to stimulate public interest in the consumption of local farm products.

## **Article III-Membership**

Any person engaged in the growing of farm products or creation of goods who agrees to abide by the rules of the Rolla Downtown Farmers Market, Inc. may become a member upon the approval of the Board of Directors.

## **Article IV-Board of Directors**

At the October meeting each year, the Board of Directors shall be elected. Executive officers shall be Manager, Assistant Manager, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms, Marketing Director, and Director-At-Large. The officers shall constitute the committee of members known as the Board of Directors. Nomination shall be made by the membership and voted upon by ballot. The government of the Rolla Downtown Farmers Market, Inc. shall be vested in this Board of Directors and no two board members may represent the same farm operation or organization. Three members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

## **Article V-Meetings**

Members in good standing shall have the privilege of voting at all association meetings. Association meetings to nominate and elect officers and board members shall be held in October of each year. The past Sergeant-at-Arms shall conduct the October association meeting, appoint an election committee to count votes and announce each person receiving the greatest number of votes for the seven (7) officers and the remaining board members. These elected members shall be declared the Board of Directors for their designated term. Association meetings to approve changes to the constitution, bylaws, and rules shall take place in October of each year.

## **Article VI-Records**

Every member shall have the right to examine, for any reasonable purpose, the books, records, roster of membership, and other appropriate records of Rolla Downtown Farmers Market, Inc. The Secretary shall keep minutes of each meeting and the Treasurer shall oversee all the bookkeeping, collecting membership fees, and banking.

## **Article VII-Fiscal Year**

The fiscal year shall begin the first day of January in each year.

## **Article VIII-Spending of Monies**

Proceeds derived from annual membership fees and booth rental fees shall be used to pay operating and advertising expenses of the Market. Should the Rolla Downtown Farmers Market, Inc. dissolve or become inoperative, any remaining money (after all expenses are paid) shall be donated to a designated nonprofit determined by the membership.