

# NEW ULM FARMERS MARKET ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS

## ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this division shall be the *NEW ULM FARMERS MARKET ASSOCIATION*, and it shall be a committee of the New Ulm Area Chamber of Commerce.

## ARTICLE II. STEERING COMMITTEE

The Steering Committee of the *NEW ULM FARMERS MARKET ASSOCIATION* shall consist of four representatives from the New Ulm Area Chamber of Commerce, to be chosen at the Chamber's discretion; and two at-large member directors elected by the Association during the annual meeting announced to all prospective members and held in February or March every year. Market vendors in attendance may declare their intent to sell for the season at this meeting. The at-large member directors shall serve a two-year term.

## ARTICLE III. ROLES AND DUTIES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Steering Committee shall set the policies of the organization. This includes setting the rules, location of the market, hours of operation, dues and/or fee structure, and membership requirements.

## ARTICLE IV. PURPOSES

The *NEW ULM FARMERS MARKET ASSOCIATION* shall be organized to facilitate the marketing and selling of agricultural products, home baked and processed foods, and homemade crafts of its members. No purchased products of any kind may be resold at the market. The association intends to:

- A. Provide a location for farmers and others to sell their products
- B. Help improve the local agricultural economy
- C. Provide a needed service for the local area
- D. Promote the sale of *Minnesota Grown* products

## ARTICLE V. MEMBERSHIP

### I. Membership Admission -

Members shall be admitted to the Association upon receipt of a signed application form and membership dues, if and when such dues are assessed.

### II. Resignation –

Any member may resign. Resignation shall not relieve members of dues, if applicable, and the Association shall not be liable to refund any dues, if previously assessed.

### III. Transfer of Membership –

Membership in the Association shall not be transferable or assignable.

### IV. Rights of Membership –

Members of the *NEW ULM FARMERS MARKET ASSOCIATION* shall have the right to sell their produce to the public at a location provided by the Association.

Membership in the Association allows a vendor to accept FMNP checks in payment for their home-grown food produce according to the rules of the FMNP program, when the program is available to the market.

### V. Amendments -

These by-laws may be altered, amended, or repealed at any meeting of the Steering Committee of the *NEW ULM FARMERS MARKET ASSOCIATION*, at which a quorum is present by majority vote of those in attendance.