

MOSCOW FARMERS MARKET COMMISSION



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**Friday
November 15 2024**

9:30 AM

**Council Chambers
206 E. 3rd St.**

WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Review scope of work

- a. Review inclusion of statement supporting minority-owned businesses and appropriate placement

Subcommittee proposed including and/or expanding upon: non-discrimination statement on page 5; Economic Opportunity under Core Values on page 6

- b. Review and update definition of terms on page 8

- i. Inclusion/acknowledgement of AI

Subcommittee proposed expanding Handmade definition under Definition of Terms on page 8. Ensure definition allows for the use of machines/software that require skills for use and makes distinction between self-created versus machine generated.

- c. Vendor categories on pages 9-12

- i. New

- 1. Service

- 2. Fish/Aquatic

Subcommittee discussed merits of Service Vendor category and alignment with the Market's mission and core values. Members recognized the value of limiting the scope of Service Vendors to "food-related" services (i.e. pepper roasting, knife sharpening, etc.). Members felt that Speakers Wall was sufficient for other service types (i.e. massage) and chose not pursue creation of a category or definition at this time.

Members reviewed two Seafood Vendor definitions and categories from Oregon and Washington Farmers Markets. Subcommittee proposed the following sub-category definition for inclusion under Agricultural Vendors on page 9:

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Seafood: Vendors who harvest aquatic animals where the majority of products sold are whole and/or fillets of fish, shellfish, and crustaceans either live, raw, smoked, or canned. Animals must be harvested from within Pacific Northwest waters of the following states: Idaho, Washington, Oregon, and Montana.

In addition to the above definition, staff was directed to add a "Seafood" clause similar to "Forager" under Appendix 6 – Vendor Eligibility & Approval on page xii that cites species being sold by Seafood Vendors must be commonly found within the defined and allowable bodies of water.

ii. Current

1. Prepared Food
2. Busker

Staff indicated that the review of the Prepared Food Vendor definition and subcategories was at the request of Alvarez. Alvarez felt that stricter guidelines needed to be in place, citing the following:

- *Other Farmers Markets categories (Food Artisan)*
- *Menu changes mid-season*

Alvarez also felt that established businesses should not be permitted into the Market, and a clause be included to ensure that chains and franchises have no path of entry into the Market.

Members discussed the feasibility of menu audits to maintain sourcing accountability. Argona referenced item 24. "Vendor Space Assessment" on page 24 as a potential policy to expand upon. There was also discussion around expanding to applicable sections under Appendix 6.

Argona presented the current practice of allowing former Buskers that are approved Vendors to return to Busking if waitlisted. She mentioned that this is rare, and that this scenario can only apply to two Vendors. The subcommittee felt due to the infrequency of this scenario that no formal policy was needed at this time.

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- d. Review and determine inclusion of space assignments and waitlisting on page 14

No suggestions were made at this time.

e. Review inclusion of no live animal sales policy and appropriate placement Subcommittee proposed expanding upon item 3. Sale and Distribution of Non-Approved Items on page 20 to include the sale of live animals as prohibited. Members agreed that this does not prevent a Vendor from displaying "animals for sale" sign if such sales are directly related to a Vendor's normal business operations (i.e. Texas Ridge advertising the sale of livestock guardian puppies, which is also listed on their business website as a service they provide).

2. Update on proposed changes to Title 9, Chapter 11

Argona shared an update on this section of City Code, indicating that a proposed change is to prohibit sidewalk/street Vendors unaffiliated with the Market to make sales in the Central Business Zoning District on Saturdays during the Market's hours of operation.

3. Next meeting

The Subcommittee decided to wait to schedule their next meeting until after their report to the rest of the Farmers Market Commission on Tue., Dec. 2.

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