



Department Source: City Manager

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: April 7, 2025

Re: Wabash Farm & Art Market License Agreement

Executive Summary

This new license agreement would allow the non-profit Wabash Farm & Art Market to use the City's Wabash parking lot to operate a farmers and artists market on Sundays from April to October of each year. Staff is requesting City Council approval of the legislation authorizing the City Manager to sign this license agreement.

Staff Report

The Wabash Farm & Art Market is a newly incorporated nonprofit corporation in good standing with the State of Missouri. As they did before, the nonprofit group desires to use the City's Wabash Station parking lot on Sundays from April through October in order to continue the operation of the farmers and artisans' market.

Historically, since at least 2014, North Village Arts District Farmers and Artisans Market operated a farmer and artisans' market on Sundays at the City's parking lot of the Wabash Station, 126 North Tenth Street. Currently, the City does not operate the transit system on Sundays, which allows the space to be utilized. Now known as the Wabash Farm and Artisan Market, market vendors utilize the covered structures used for transit busses. The goal of the market is to provide the community with access to fresh nutritious produce, quality goods and unique crafts at affordable prices.

Wabash Farm and Art Market is responsible for all trash removal and cleaning of the Wabash Station parking lot after each use. They are also required to have insurance. Like the agreement with the prior organization, the City is not charging the nonprofit to utilize the space. Should the City need the space on a market day, this Agreement authorizes the Director of Public Works to provide an alternate parking lot location for the market. As a license agreement, it is revocable at will should the city need the lot for another purpose. Additionally, either party may terminate the agreement with thirty-day notice.

Currently, the market charges vendors a seasonal fee of \$150 per space and a single market fee of \$25 per space. The market vendors that are selling produce they have grown are exempt from local business licensing requirements. All other vendors are required to have a Columbia business license to sell.



Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None.

Long-Term Impact: None.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Inclusive and Equitable Community, Secondary Impact: Resilient Economy,

Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities, Secondary Impact: Economic

Development, Tertiary Impact: Land Use & Growth Management

Legislative History

Date	Action
04/07/2014	Resolution 57-14. Authorizing an agreement with North Village Arts District Farmers and Artisans Market for use of the Wabash Station parking lot for the operation of a downtown market.
04/06/2015	Resolution 58-15. Authorizing an agreement with North Village Arts District Farmers and Artisans Market for use of the Wabash Station parking lot for the operation of a downtown market.
04/07/2016	Authorizing an agreement with Orr Street Farmers and Artisans Market for use of the Wabash Station parking lot for the operation of a downtown market.
04/26/2023	Resolution 72-23 . Authorizing an agreement with Orr St Farm & Art Market for use of the Wabash Station parking lot to operate a downtown market

Suggested Council Action

Approve the legislation authorizing the City Manager to sign the license agreement with the Wabash Farm & Art Market.