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2025-2026 FRESH ACCESS BUCKS - VENDOR CONTRACT

Organization Name processes Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) transactions on behalf of vendors at **Market Name** ("Market Outlet"). This program allows SNAP recipients to shop with vendors selling SNAP-eligible goods. **Market Name** also participates in the Fresh Access Bucks (FAB) program, a statewide SNAP nutrition incentive program funded by a USDA Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive COVID Relief and Response (GusCRR) grant. FAB makes fresh, Florida-grown fruits and vegetables more affordable and accessible to SNAP shoppers statewide. Please refer to the ***Vendor's Guide to Accepting SNAP & Fresh Access Bucks*** for more detailed information on SNAP and FAB programs.

In accordance with SNAP regulations set forth by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) and the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF), vendors who sign this contract ensure they understand the rules of SNAP/EBT and FAB programs.

This contract allows _____ ("Vendor") to participate in the SNAP/EBT and FAB programs administered by Market Outlet.

Vendor is required by this contract to follow all guidelines, as set forth by federal and state authorities and Market Outlet.

Market Outlet reserves the right to immediately suspend or remove Vendor from the program if Market Outlet observes, or receives evidence of, failure to abide by any of the agreements below.

The SNAP/EBT and FAB programs operate in the following manner:

SNAP shoppers swipe their SNAP/EBT card at Market Outlet booth to purchase **gold** SNAP tokens. SNAP shoppers then receive a dollar-for-dollar match in green FAB tokens, up to \$40 per day, for every **gold** SNAP token purchased. **Gold** SNAP tokens are unique to Market Outlet and can only be spent at Market Outlet. SNAP tokens can only be used to purchase SNAP-eligible goods. Green FAB tokens can be spent at any FAB market that uses tokens. FAB tokens can only be used to purchase fresh Florida-grown fruits and vegetables, plants and seeds that produce food.

Please refer to the ***Vendor's Guide to Accepting SNAP & Fresh Access Bucks*** for more detailed information on SNAP and FAB programs.

Vendor agrees to adhere to the following USDA (<https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/eligible-food-items>) SNAP and FAB eligibility guidelines:

- SNAP benefits may be spent on breads and cereals, fruits and vegetables, meats, fish and poultry, dairy products, seeds and plants which produce food to eat.
- SNAP benefits **may not** be spent on food products that contain alcohol or tobacco, items labeled for pet consumption, vitamins and supplements, and foods sold hot at the point-of-sale.
- Fresh Access Bucks may be spent only for purchase of fresh Florida-grown fruits and vegetables, plants and seeds that produce food.
- Shoppers cannot receive cash back for purchases made with SNAP or FAB tokens. Vendors must provide change in the same currency the shopper used to pay (i.e SNAP tokens as change for purchases made with SNAP tokens)
- SNAP and FAB tokens must be used in \$1 and \$5 increments. Shoppers can make up any difference with cash. NOTE: It is against federal law to charge a SNAP recipient more than a consumer paying cash.

- SNAP and FAB tokens do not expire, and can be spent with Vendor on a future visit. Markets can refund unused SNAP token funds back onto SNAP shoppers EBT card at SNAP shopper's request, or tokens can be used on a future date.
- SNAP tokens may only be spent at the FAB Market Outlet where they were obtained. FAB tokens may be spent at any FAB outlet regardless of where they were obtained.

The only tokens used at Market Outlet are 1) gold plastic embossed tokens with the unique imprint of Feeding Florida SNAP/EBT on one side and currency amount on the reverse side 2) green plastic embossed tokens with the unique imprint of Fresh Access Bucks on one side and currency amount on the reverse side and 3) credit/debit tokens (remove if you do not use credit/debit tokens, update token description if you do use credit/debit tokens). Tokens come in \$1 and \$5 denominations. (Include denominations of credit/debit tokens if using and if different than \$1 and \$5 denominations).

The Fresh Access Bucks Program will be strictly and carefully monitored at all times by Market Outlet.

Vendor agrees to the following by initialing:

- _____ 1. Vendor will only accept Market Outlet's SNAP tokens while participating at Market Outlet, and will not accept any other market's tokens and/or printed scrip.
- _____ 2. Vendor will not accept paper/digital FAB promotional offers like coupons or FAB Frequent Shopper cards, these will be processed at the SNAP/EBT booth.
- _____ 3. Vendor agrees to accept SNAP tokens only for the purchase of SNAP-eligible foods, including: bread products, produce, seeds and plants which produce food to eat and the following items labeled for human consumption: meat, fish, poultry, eggs, dairy products.
- _____ 4. Vendor agrees not to accept SNAP tokens for the purchase of SNAP ineligible foods, including: hot food and food labeled as for pet consumption only. Or any non-food items including: soaps, medicine, clothing, crafts, vitamins, seeds and plants which do not produce food to eat.
- _____ 5. If applicable, Vendor agrees to only accept green Fresh Access Bucks tokens for fruits and vegetables grown in the state of Florida and/or within 50 miles of the state border and plants and seeds which produce food to eat.
- _____ 6. Vendor agrees that no U.S. currency will be returned to Shoppers as change for purchases made solely with SNAP tokens.
- _____ 7. If applicable, Vendor will never provide cash or SNAP tokens as change for purchases made with Fresh Access Bucks tokens;
- _____ 8. I acknowledge that it is against federal law to charge a SNAP recipient more than a consumer paying cash.
- _____ 9. Vendor will never accept Fresh Access Bucks from individuals known not to be legally entitled to possess Fresh Access Bucks;
- _____ 10. Vendor will post clearly marked SNAP and FAB signage for eligible products;
- _____ 11. Vendor will allow all eligible Shoppers to use SNAP and Fresh Access Bucks tokens (including employees of the outlet or vendors at the outlet that qualify).
- _____ 12. Vendor agrees to train all staff working at Vendor's booth on SNAP and FAB programs.

If Vendor is not in compliance with any of the above, they will not be allowed to accept or redeem SNAP and/or FAB funding. Vendor must sign contract annually with Market Outlet.

SNAP Fraud Prevention

Market Outlet agrees to monitor the SNAP program according to USDA regulations and will ensure that Vendors have access to SNAP regulations. Market Outlet will maintain updated annually signed Vendor Contracts that include a punitive provision for accepting SNAP or FAB currency for ineligible items. Certified officials will conduct Secret Shopping for SNAP and FAB eligible items. If a Vendor is found to participate in fraudulent SNAP or FAB activity, it is grounds for removal from the SNAP/EBT and FAB program.

The USDA takes SNAP fraud very seriously and considers SNAP trafficking a crime which can include criminal investigations, fines up to \$10,000, and up to 5 years of jail time. Market Outlet is responsible for reporting any fraudulent activity to the USDA and the Florida Department of Children and Families at the following links:

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/fraud>

<https://www.myflfamilies.com/services/public-assistance/public-benefits-integrity/public-assistance-fraud>

If Vendor fails to meet the expectations within this contract, Market Outlet reserves the right to cancel this contract for non-performance, non-compliance, or misallocation of SNAP/EBT or FAB funds and remove the Vendor from the SNAP and FAB Program and Market Outlet.

I, _____ (Vendor) understand that I am able to and will accept these tokens at my market booth for corresponding eligible items.

(Please update to reflect which tokens the vendor will be accepting and remove credit/debit if you do not have a credit/debit token)

- ☐ **Gold** SNAP/EBT tokens: fruits & vegetables, bread products, meat, fish, poultry, salsa, honey, jelly, pickles, eggs, dairy, seeds & plants which produce food to eat
- ☐ Green Fresh Access Bucks tokens: Florida-grown fruits and vegetables, seeds and plants which produce food to eat
- ☐ **Credit/Debit tokens: Any Items**

I understand that if I fail to collect corresponding tokens for eligible items, I am in non-compliance and may be suspended or removed from the SNAP and FAB programs at Market Outlet.

Vendor Business Name: _____

Vendor Name, Title: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Market Representative Name, Title: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____