



Starting a Certified Farmers' Market

A Step by Step Guide to Obtaining a Health Permit in Ventura County



OBTAIN AN AG CERTIFICATE

Agency: VENTURA COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

<http://www.ventura.org/agricultural-commissioner>

Phone: 805-933-2926 or 805-388-4322

Apply for a Certified Farmers' Market certification from the Ventura County Agricultural Commissioner.



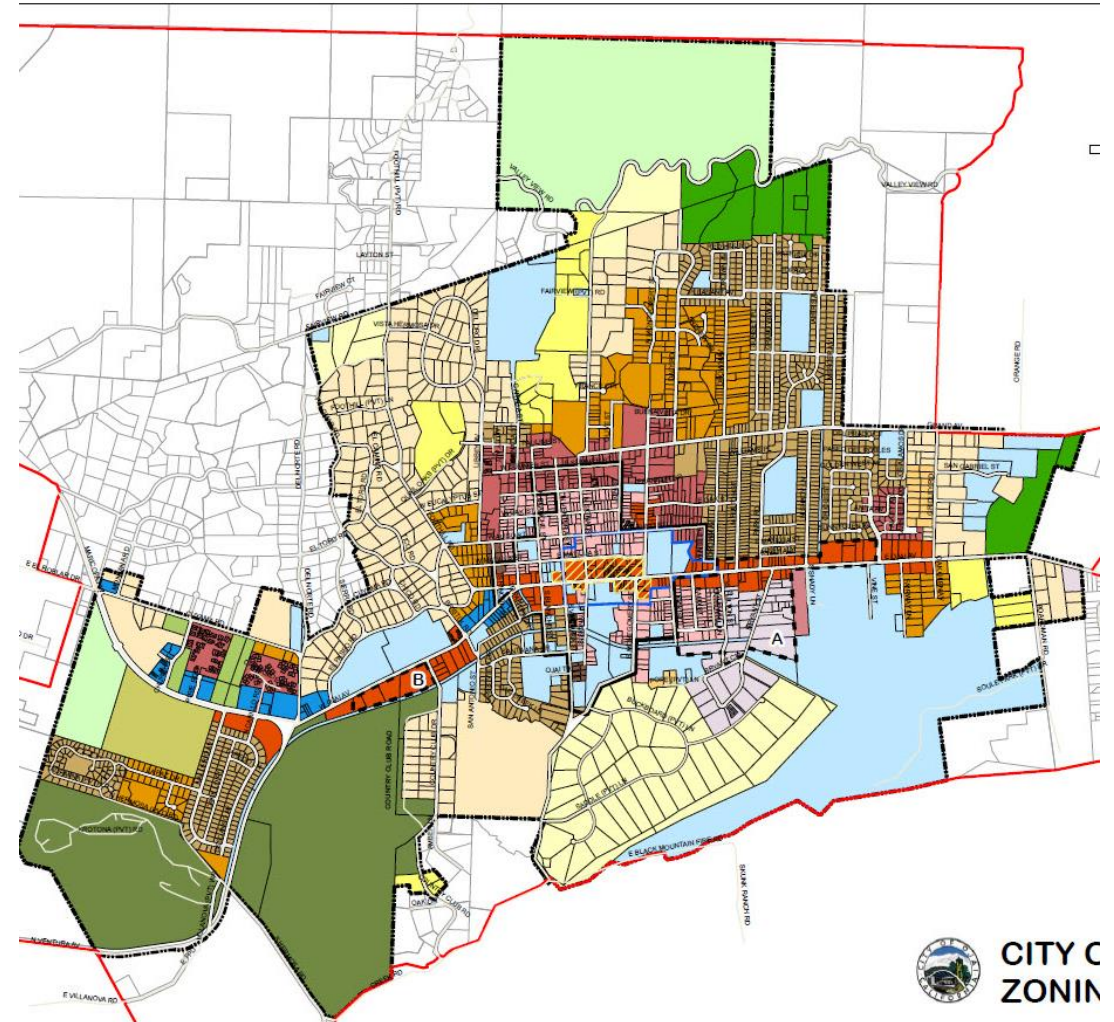
OBTAIN ZONING CLEARANCE

Agency: Ventura County
Planning Division if in
unincorporated area

<http://gis.ventura.org/WhatsMyZoning/>

Phone: 805-654-2488 or 805-
654-2451

If proposed location is within a
city, obtain a zoning clearance
from the city Zoning
Department.



APPLY FOR HEALTH PERMIT

Agency: Ventura County Environmental Health Division

General information, application, fees and contact information are available on our website:

<http://vcrma.org/envhealth/>

Main telephone: 805-654-2813

Fax: 805-654-2480

Provide the following:

- Application and fee
- Agricultural Certificate
- Site plan
- Restroom agreement letter



COUNTY *of* **VENTURA**

Starting a Certified Farmers' Market (CFM)

Submit application and fee, with the following:

- Site plan drawn to scale, showing certified section, location of participating Ventura County permitted Mobile Food Facilities and Cottage Food Operators, and the distance to the restroom of the furthest participants.
- Restroom agreement letter, signed by manager or owner of facility providing access to restrooms during market operation. Restroom must have handwashing facilities with warm water.

Arrange for site visit to evaluate location and restrooms.

Schedule start of market. An inspection is usually done within the first month, sometimes on the first day.

Ensure that your market is operated as required by Department of Agriculture and the Environmental Health Division.



Community Event in Conjunction with a CFM

If starting a Community Event in conjunction with the CFM, ensure the applications and required documents are submitted at least 30 days before the intended start date.

For Community Event Organizer and Operator applications, as well as information and fees go to:

<http://vcrma.org/divisions/environmental-health>

