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**To:** councilmangarde@ci.milton.de.us  
**Subject:** Farmers Market, ordinance 2017-007

Dear Councilman Garde,

Kindly consider my comments on the proposed amendment to Town Ordinances.

- 1) Under definitions the items permitted to be sold does not appear to include cheeses. Cheese cannot be produced here in Delaware; and there may be other products that should be included.
- 2) Under organization, we are a c4 exempt organization, we plan to ask for a review by the IRS in the future. The current designation has not proven to be detrimental, as very few donations have been made by individuals; our major support has been from businesses primarily Dogfish Head and Ace Hardware.
- 3) Under the seasons paragraph, it states the season to be from April 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>. we have a harvest festival on the Friday before Thanksgiving , and there is the possibility of future events. This section appear to contradict 94-7 part "D".

It is my opinion that this ordinance will require a certain amount of time & effort on the part of the town, all for a measly \$150 in revenue.

This is a small town, and purports to be business friendly!!

All of the management requirements listed in the ordinance are being met by the Milton Farmers' Market, Inc. we are self policing as a reading of our mission statement will prove.

We are also fully insured for liability and directors liability, an important omission by the person that drafted this amendment.

The market is in its' sixth year of operation, we were declared the best start up in Delaware, we have a loyal following of vendors and receives numerous requests from potential vendors to be included.

All of which reflects a job well done by all of the market volunteers.

After all of the years of operation with the only hiccups being weather related; I do not see any reason for a layer of government regulation added to our own.

We are overseen by the State Department of Agriculture and the Health Department, that should be enough oversight for any organization.

Thank you for your consideration.

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