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2008-0125

**INTRODUCED BY: V.J. ST. PIERRE, JR., PARISH PRESIDENT
(DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM)**

ORDINANCE NO. 08-3-1

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the German Coast Farmers' Market to provide certain services to St. Charles Parish.

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the German Coast Farmers' Market Board of Directors to manage a St. Charles Parish farmers' market that serves as a community gathering place, tourist destination, and a market for a wide range of fresh vegetables, fruits, flowers and other value-added items; and,

WHEREAS, the Grand Opening of the German Coast Farmers' Market was held on June 7, 2003 in Destrehan; and,

WHEREAS, the Grand Opening of the second location of the German Coast Farmers' Market was held on July 5, 2006 in Luling; and,

WHEREAS, over 89,000 patrons visited the market since its inception; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the German Coast Farmers' Market is requesting to receive financial support from St. Charles Parish to operate the farmers' market; and,

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Parish Council to approve said funding request to ensure the stability of this successful, economic development effort

THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION I. That the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the German Coast Farmers' Market and St. Charles Parish is hereby approved

SECTION II. That the Parish President is hereby authorized to execute said Cooperative Endeavor Agreement on behalf of St. Charles Parish.

The foregoing ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows.

YEAS: SCHEXNAYDRE, AUTHEMENT, RAYMOND, TASTET, BENEDETTO, HOGAN,
COCHRAN, LAMBERT, NUSS
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

And the ordinance was declared adopted this 10th day of March, 2008, to become effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

CHAIRMAN *Dennis*
SECRETARY *Barbara*
DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT March 11, 2008
APPROVED _____ DISAPPROVED _____
PARISH PRESIDENT *V.J. St. Pierre*
RETD/SECRETARY March 11, 2008
AT 4:00 p.m. RECD BY *[Signature]*

COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
GERMAN COAST FARMERS' MARKET
AND
ST. CHARLES PARISH

This Cooperative Endeavor Agreement is made and entered into on this 17 day of MARCH 2008 by and between:

The German Coast Farmers' Market, Post Office Box 119, Destrehan, LA 70047 herein represented by PATRICIA A. USHER, its President

AND

St. Charles Parish, 15045 River Road, Hahnville, LA 70057 herein represented by Albert D. Laque its Parish President, authorized by Ordinance No. 08-3-1 of the St. Charles Parish Council adopted on March 10, 2008.

The German Coast Farmers' Market hereby agrees to implement the projects outlined in "EXHIBIT A" and provide the following reports and supporting documentation to the St. Charles Parish Department of Economic Development & Tourism:

- A weekly report, due by the close of business five (5) days after the Saturday market or the last weekly market operating day, containing cumulative totals of the preceding market's vendor sales figures, customer attendance, vendor attendance and vendors domiciled in St Charles Parish.
- Results of an annual, "Peak-Season" survey of market patrons, due no later than September 1, 2008, documenting the customer's place of residence, customer's average expenditure per market visit, the customer's total number of market visits per calendar year, method of customer's market awareness and other information requested by the St. Charles Parish Department of Economic Development & Tourism.
- Quarterly Progress Reports, due thirty-one (31) calendar days after the end of each quarter, for each of the items listed in "EXHIBIT A."
- A Quarterly Accounting Report, due on the same days as the Quarterly Progress Reports, detailing the use of the St. Charles Parish grant proceeds.
- 2008 Annual Report containing a cumulative summary of market statistics and activities delivered to the St. Charles Department of Economic Development & Tourism by February 1, 2009
- Other information, reports and documentation requested by the St. Charles Parish Department of Economic Development & Tourism

St Charles Parish, through the Department of Economic Development & Tourism, hereby agrees to provide \$30,000 in funding for the services listed in "EXHIBIT A" Funding for said projects shall be dispersed as follows:

- Fifty percent (50%) or \$15,000 within thirty (30) days of execution of this Agreement
- Twenty-five (25%) or \$7,500 no later than July 31, 2008
- Twenty-five (25%) or \$7,500 no later than October 31, 2008

German Coast Farmers' Market

By: Patricia A. Usher

Patricia A. Usher
President

St. Charles Parish

By: V.J. St Pierre, Jr.

V.J. St Pierre, Jr.
Parish President

EXHIBIT A

The German Coast Farmers' Market (GCFM) agrees to provide the following.

- East & West Bank Farmers' Market Venues
The GCFM will operate and manage an East Bank Farmers' Market and a West Bank Farmers' Market for the purpose of providing local farmers a weekly venue to sell their produce.
- Seedling Program & Market Promotional Items
GCFM will continue to promote the Seedling Program and Industry Support Program as well as market promotional items as a revenue source for operating expenses of the market.
- Association of Retarded Citizens (ARC) Greenhouse Program
GCFM will provide a venue for the sale of vegetables grown hydroponically in the ARC greenhouse during the off-season, January to April when local vegetables are non-existent.
- Louisiana Seniors Farmers Market Nutrition Program
GCFM will participate in the Program, administered by the Louisiana Department of Agricultural & Forestry (LDAF). GCFM will encourage eligible vendors to become certified Council on Aging forwards eligible participant listing to LDAF. Eligible participants will receive \$16 in coupons to buy fresh fruits, vegetables and cut herbs from a certified vendor.
- Resident Business & Entrepreneurship Program
GCFM will work to increase vendor selling opportunities by developing relationships with local restaurants, retail outlets and the St. Charles Parish Public School System. The GCFM will offer technical assistance to vendors and entrepreneurs.
- Web Site-Internet Service
GCFM will facilitate maintenance of a web site to assist market vendors in advertising and promoting their products. GCFM will assist farmers, fishers and others by emailing a newsletter to market patrons
- Tourism
GCFM will work with local tourist attractions and agencies to increase visitor attendance.
- Market Lagniappe
GCFM will regularly sponsor and offer market programs aiming to educate and entertain patrons. Lagniappe examples may include but are not limited to food demonstrations, live music, gardening seminars, and health and fitness educational opportunities.
- Grants, Donations, In-Kind Services
GCFM will apply for grants, seek donations and in-kind services to assist with defraying operating expenses.
- Heritage Education Initiative
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