



Ypsilanti Food Cooperative

2020 Member Owner Agreement for NEW Member

(Over 21 years, not involved in Law Enforcement/Alcohol License)

Please Fill Out Completely

Name _____
First Last

Mailing Address _____
City State Zip Code

Are you under 21, have an interest in any other alcohol license, or involved in law enforcement? Yes No
 Any individual who: a) is under age 21, b) has an interest in another alcohol license, or c) is involved in law enforcement may not become a member owner; however, they may join as an associate member with the same responsibilities and privileges but not entitled to a vote.

NEW MEMBER:

Best phone: _____

Birth date: ____/____/____

Email: _____

Driver's License State/Number _____

(You are agreeing to become part-owner of a business with a license to sell alcohol; therefore we must keep record of your birth date and DL#)

DESIGNATED SHOPPER: (see reverse)

Name: _____

Birth date: ____/____/____

Email: _____

Best phone: _____

How did you learn about joining the Co-op? Store/Cashier Friend/Family Co-op flier Other _____

How long have you been shopping at the Co-op? Less than 1 year 1 to 5 years more than 5 years

What made you decide to become a member owner? _____

Are you interested in volunteering? (yes no maybe) If so, what are your skills and your interest? _____

You invest a one-time \$10 non-refundable administration fee with this application if this is the first time joining. \$20 per calendar year must be paid until the full "Fair Share" investment (currently \$200) has been met.

Choose one of the following investment plans:

- Immediate: Invest \$200, receive a "gold card" (no exp. date) receive full member discount at the register on non-sale items.
- Standard: Invest \$20 receive annual member card, receive active member discount on non-sale items.

As a member owner of the Ypsilanti Food Co-op, I understand and agree to the following:

1. The Ypsilanti Food Cooperative is a member-owner consumer cooperative corporation.
2. Members are owners and are entitled to **one vote** in the affairs of the cooperative. Members may name one Designated Shopper (same address) who may shop but may not vote (see reverse).
3. The Co-op provides opportunities for and benefits from the active participation of its owners and associate members.
4. Shares are generally refundable upon written request for withdrawal and approval by the General Manager* (see reverse for details).
5. Ypsilanti Food Cooperative Articles and Bylaws are available upon written request.

Signature _____ Date Paid _____

Payment Method _____ Amount Paid Today _____ Coord Initials _____

Please see the back for signature



Confidentiality & Notice Policies

The Ypsilanti Food Cooperative sometimes has to share its owners' information as part of running the business. For example, as an owner, your name and address maybe be listed along with all the other owners' names when the co-op is applying for or maintaining its WIC and Supplemental Assistance application or its Alcohol Retail Sales License.

The co-op and its staff agree to keep confidential owners' personal and financial information that is gathered through the membership records. The co-op will:

- Not share nor sell names, addresses, emails, or other contact information
- Limit the number of staff members who have access to the membership database
- Store membership information in a secure office

We will use your name or member number to apply your member discount to each purchase you make at the co-op. The co-op does not sell this information to outside companies. The co-op does not use its system to monitor your purchases. We do send coupon books and sale fliers to our members on occasion.

The co-op has the right and responsibility to send its owners:

- Information
- Regular updates about the co-op and its operations,
- Notification of the Annual Membership Meeting
- Occasional coupon books and sale fliers

I agree to the terms of this agreement and understand the needs my co-op has for the information requested:

Your name

Your signature

Date

* On Fair Shares, Refunds, and Discounts (from YFC by-laws and policies):

- a. The required member equity, or **Fair Share**, is determined by the Board.
- b. Members are informed that equity investments are a) at risk, and b) generally refundable, though the Board retains the right to withhold refunds when necessary to protect the Cooperative's financial viability.
- c. Equity will not be refunded if such refunds would lead to a net decrease in total member paid-in equity, or would risk, cause or exacerbate non-compliance with any Financial Condition policy.
- d. Members may name one **Designated Shopper** (same address) who may receive a grocery discount through a member's card but who may not vote. Only members in good standing may vote.

Thank you for your continued support of the Ypsilanti Food Coop!