Clemson Farmers Market to open May 14

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CLEMSON — The Clemson Farmers Market will make its debut from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. May 14 in the parking lot of CrossPoint Church on U.S. 123 in Clemson.

City Planner Arzu Yilmaz said the market in the Lakeview Shopping Center will be open each Friday through Oct. 1. Fresh produce, prepared foods and arts and crafts items will be available at the open-air market.

concept for a city farmers market in February, pointing out that it would meet certain objectives established in the Comprehensive Plan. While Yilmaz mentioned that there is a farmers market on the Clemson University campus, operated by student volunteers from the Agricultural Science Department and another on campus initiated within the past year, she felt a city location would be "more visible and more successful in the long run."

Last week, Clemson City Council approved a $25 one-time fee for vendors this season. Yilmaz told council the upfront flat fee would work as an incentive to maximize participation and allow council to set the fee prior to the start of each market season.

According to the city planner, Clemson could tap into a 60-mile radius that includes Oconee, Abbeville and Greenwood counties.

Those interested in selling items at the market can call (864) 653-2050, e-mail clemsonfarmersmarket@cityofclemson.org or visit clemsonfarmersmarket.org.

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Two farmers markets operate on the Clemson University campus, such as a recent one shown here. Clemson city officials are launching a city farmers market on May 14.
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