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If the commission is inclined to change the rules for only a very small group of artisan vendors we propose that extra stalls be divided between all groups of vendors at the market. The new annual vendors could receive two stalls rather than one and the existing annual vendors should be allowed to have a maximum of four stalls rather than three. A recent survey done at the market showed that produce was the biggest reason that customers shop at the market. If customers come for produce, we should display the produce that we have in the best way possible. By allowing the larger farmers to take four stalls, the market would be an even more beautiful display of the products that customers are wanting to purchase. It would be utilizing the extra space to display the items that customers are coming to buy.

We would like to see the extra stalls assigned proportionately according to the makeup of the current market. Right now we have melons, apricots and plants displayed at the back of the stall, along the sidewalk or any nook or cranny that is available in the limited space of three stalls. This is happening while we have stalls going empty. The market has not attracted new additional vendors for some of these products, so let's display what is already here. One example of the beauty of larger stalls for producers was seen on flower day this past spring. The long aisle along Kerry Town was a gorgeous display of flowers. Customers including many new faces came to buy them.

Thank you for considering another idea about using these extra stalls.

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