



## **FARMVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND VISITOR CENTER**

*Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the Chamber of Commerce. **We are GROWING & we need YOU.** A community thrives because of its people. It's been said that the chamber is the heartbeat of Farmville. If the chamber is the heartbeat, then its people are the heart, and its businesses are the backbone. We simply can't be great without each other. As the Executive Director, I take my role very seriously. When one struggles, we all hurt and when one celebrates, we all celebrate. That's community...And that's what makes Farmville so special.*

*We offer a variety of memberships, and our rates are very affordable. This is an exciting time in Farmville as we build upon our long-standing heritage centered around our roots in agriculture, a foundation of faith and religion, and emphasis on industry. We are beginning a journey as a community with a refreshed emphasis on innovation, entrepreneurship, and the arts, which naturally help to enhance our local economic development efforts. As a forward-thinking organization, the Farmville Chamber of Commerce would like to inspire an environment where all businesses, non-profits, members, and our community can prosper.*

*Our goal is to help the members of the community understand the value of connection. Through our growing network of members, our members are able to celebrate ribbon cutting ceremonies that highlight exciting new businesses, promote their own business events, along with enjoying online promotion on our website and social media. As an active chamber, members benefit from a wealth of additional marketing opportunities, such as sponsorships, group advertising, and special events. Our "Business After Hours" events provide a chance for members to network with fellow businesses and community members, increasing the visibility of members.*

*To join the Chamber, please complete the membership form. If you have any questions, feel free to call or email me, or stop by the office. Thank you again for your interest in the Farmville Chamber of Commerce*

*Sincerely,*

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### **WE INVITE YOU**

#### **TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE FARMVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.**

To join the Farmville Chamber of Commerce, please complete the following form and return it to our office (**PO Box 150, Farmville, NC 27828**) with the appropriate membership fee. Membership fees are listed at the bottom of the page. Your membership will be effective for the current calendar year. We accept cash, check, and credit card. Please make checks payable to the Farmville Chamber of Commerce.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER / BUSINESS \_\_\_\_\_ CELL \_\_\_\_\_

“CONSTANT CONTACT” EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

#### **CIRCLE THE APPROPRIATE MEMBERSHIP**

Individual \$50	Business with 10 – 25 employees	\$200
Couple/Family \$70	Business with 26-49 employees	\$400
Civic & Non-Profit \$50	Business with 50 – 199 employees	\$600
Business with 1-3 employees \$50	Business with 200 – 299 employees	\$800
Business with 4-9 employees \$100	Business with 300+ employees	\$1000

Home Business \$25

☐ I elect to join The Farmville Chamber Of Commerce for the current year.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.**

#### **Some of the benefits of becoming a member include:**

1. Job Postings-Need to fill a job, let us help! (members only)
2. Merchant of the Month-this respected tradition lives on. (members only)
3. Ribbon Cuttings-celebrating your business is what we do best! (community)
4. Business After Hours-Members get to network with other members. (members only)
5. Special Events-There's always something fun to do at chamber sponsored events! (members only & community)
6. Monthly Newsletters-keeping you up to date on what's happening in our business community & more. (members only & community)
7. Advertise your business in the chamber newsletter (1 free ad per month to members / paid advertising for non-members)



## **FARMVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND VISITOR CENTER**

The Farmville Chamber of Commerce strives to promote and support our local businesses in a variety of ways. We would be delighted to help your business make its presence known in our community and our county with a **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**. To participate in a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, your business must meet one of the following criteria:

- Your business is an active member of The Chamber.
- Opened its doors anytime in the last three years.
- Changed ownership or welcomed new management in the last three years.
- Moved to a new location in the last three years.
- Expanded or significantly remodeled at the current location in the last three years.

Even if you have been here for more than two years or made a significant change to your business in the last few years, you are still eligible to hold a Ribbon Cutting ceremony. ***THERE IS NO COST TO HAVE A RIBBON CUTTING EVENT AND THE CHAMBER WILL PLAN, CONDUCT AND PROMOTE IT.***

A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony offers you an opportunity to officially announce your presence in the community and receive publicity and promotion for your business. The ceremony is also a celebration of your connection to the Chamber and to Farmville, and it highlights your participation in the business activities of the town.

The Farmville Chamber of Commerce will conduct the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, which includes a few words spoken by the Mayor and/or a town official, as well as the Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce and/or a member of the Chamber Board of Directors. ***The business owner is then asked to make a few comments.*** The Chamber will request that the newspaper is present to cover the event. Pictures also will be taken to post on social media.

Scheduling the event with the Chamber should occur a few weeks prior to the event to provide ample time to contact the newspaper and arrange for two to three officials to attend the event. The Chamber will provide the ribbon and scissors.

Farmville is always looking for ways to welcome new businesses and celebrate their successes! For more information or to join the Chamber, call or email Millissa Alexander, Executive Director of the Farmville Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center at 252-753-4671 or [millissa@farmvillencchamber.org](mailto:millissa@farmvillencchamber.org).

We look forward to hearing from you.