

How is a Co-op Different?

A cooperative is an independent group of people joining freely to meet their common economic, social and cultural needs via a community owned and democratically governed business.

All co-ops are guided by 7 basic principles.

1. Voluntary and non-discriminatory participation— all are welcome to join!
2. Democratic control— you have a voice and a vote!
3. Owner economic participation— owners contribute financially to their cooperative and also receive direct and indirect financial benefits.
4. Independent— co-ops are autonomous, self-help organizations controlled by their owners only.
5. Educational— cooperatives offer education and training to their owners so they can successfully manage their co-op. They also educate the larger community about the nature and benefits of co-ops.
6. Cooperation among cooperatives— co-op owners and the co-op movement in general are served best by working collaboratively with other local, regional, national and international co-ops.
7. Concern for community— while focusing on owner needs, cooperatives work for the sustainable development of their communities through policies accepted by their owners.

Who Owns Company Shops Market?

You Do!

When you buy an ownership share in Company Shops Market, you are joining other local people in financially supporting and guiding a sustainable business in your community. That means the business and its owners are engaged in a friendly, mutually beneficial relationship. As an owner you will benefit from great products at fair prices as well as having many opportunities to make your voice heard about products, services and our interaction with the larger community. The most formal way you will do this is by electing members to the Board of Directors who are then responsible for governing the market.

It's **ALL OF US** who will make Company Shops Market a reality for our community!

Become an Owner Today!

Start-up Board of Directors:
Caroline Ansbacher, Sharon Dent, Patrick Harman, Eric Henry, Rusty Holt, Bob Hykes, Sam Moore and Charles Sydnor

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Alamance County's Co-op Grocery



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What is Company Shops Market?

Company Shops Market is a cooperative owned grocery store and café coming to Burlington. Conscientious shoppers are ready for a conveniently located store committed to local, organic and sustainably produced food!

Our vision as a community-owned grocery and café is to provide exceptional food products utilizing, as much as possible, our local, small, sustainable farmers. Company Shops Market will provide outstanding products to people who want to know where and how their food is raised, will provide a fulfilling workplace and shopping experience and will provide an incentive for the preservation and initiation of small, local farms thereby supporting the well-being of our entire community.

Company Shops Market will sell sustainably grown and organic produce, grocery, dairy, deli/salad bar items, bakery, bulk, meat, beer and wine and health and body care products. The Co-op also plans to offer a café, organic coffee bar, slow food bar, fresh sushi and outdoor dining!

Why should I become an Owner?

Everyone is welcome to shop at Company Shops Market and anyone can join! Owners will enjoy these benefits when the Co-op opens:

10% on the 10th. Receive 10% off your total purchase on the 10th of every month!

The right to vote for and run for Consumer-Owner positions on the Board of Directors.

15% off case purchases everyday.

A free gift. Choose between a Company Shops Market canvas bag or t-shirt for each adult on your share.

A Volunteer Program in which owners can participate in the daily functioning of their store.

A Co-op newsletter mailed to your home filled with owner info, coupons and products and services updates.

A year-end Patronage Dividend based on your purchases and the profitability of the Co-op.

Free home delivery to homebound owners once a week within our Home Delivery Zone.

Company Shops Market Ownership Application

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Signature(s) _____

Date _____

How did you hear about us? _____

_____ Individual, \$100
for any adult in the household wanting a full share offering in-store benefits and the right to cast one vote for the board of directors.

_____ Family, \$150
allows two adults in the same household to receive in-store benefits and only one person has the right to vote.

_____ Supplemental \$50 each
allows additional adults (18+) living in the same household, including adult children, to receive in-store benefits and have purchases count towards the household Patronage Dividend.

All fees are one time fees only, not annual fees.

Please send application and check to:

Company Shops Market
P.O. Box 152
Elon, NC 27244

Store use: Owner number _____

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