



THE RICHMOND FOOD COOPERATIVE
WILL BE A MEMBER-OWNED
FULL SERVICE GROCERY STORE
PROVIDING AFFORDABLE,
LOCAL, SUSTAINABLE AND
HEALTHY FOOD OPTIONS.



I JOINED THE
CO-OP BECAUSE...
WE LOVE GOOD
FOOD



RICHMOND FOOD
COOP
COOPERATIVE



AFFORDABLE



OWNERSHIP



I joined the Co-op
because...
We want a better
food future
for Richmond



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COMMUNITY

THE RICHMOND FOOD COOPERATIVE OPERATES UNDER THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES

1

PROVIDE HEALTHY AND DELICIOUS FOOD FROM LOCAL SUPPLIERS THAT USE ENVIRONMENTALLY AND SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE PRACTICES

2

IMPROVE ACCESS TO ORGANIC AND LOCAL CROPS BY OFFERING OFTEN LOWER PRICES FOR EQUAL OR BETTER QUALITY PRODUCTS THAN THOSE AVAILABLE IN CONVENTIONAL GROCERY STORES

3

EMPLOY A DEMOCRATIC PROCESS STRUCTURED AROUND COMMUNITY DECISION MAKING AND BENEFITS

4

DRIVE COMMUNITY EDUCATION ON NUTRITION AND HEALTHY EATING

WHY JOIN NOW?

MEMBERSHIP MEANS OWNERSHIP

When you become a member, you also become an owner of a member-owned and member-controlled local store, that operates for the mutual benefit of all members.

CO-OP OWNERSHIP MEANS PUTTING YOUR DOLLARS WHERE YOUR VALUES ARE:

the cooperative system, healthy communities and supporting local farms and businesses.

CO-OPS – AND THEIR MONEY – ARE OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY THEIR MEMBER/OWNERS,

therefore members provide the basic capital to start the Co-op. The Co-op's profit is returned to its member/owners in proportion to the amount of groceries each member has purchased.

YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO INTERACT AND CONNECT WITH LIKE-MINDED PEOPLE

who seek to support their community's local living economy.

HOW DO I JOIN THE CO-OP?

In exchange for a small financial investment, anyone can join the Co-op and become a member/owner.

\$25 JOINING FEE per household
(non-refundable, covers administrative costs)

+

\$125 EQUITY per adult member
(non-interest bearing & refundable)

- All adults over 18 years old who share food in a household must be invested members

Qualifying members are eligible for
INCOME-BASED REDUCED PRICING:

\$5 JOINING FEE + \$10 EQUITY

- Must provide proof of one of the following:
SNAP/EBT, WIC, SSI, Medicaid,
Family Health Plus, Section 8 Housing,
Advantage Program

MEMBERSHIP FORM

To complete online, visit RichmondFoodCoop.com

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NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____

PHONE _____

COMMUNICATION PREFERENCE: GO PAPERLESS! GO POSTAL

YES, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO PUBLISH MY FIRST AND LAST NAME ON THE CO-OP'S ONLINE MEMBER/OWNERS' LIST

TOTAL HOUSEHOLD SIZE _____

NAMES OF ADULT HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS (18 years or older)

NAMES & AGES OF CHILDREN IN HOUSEHOLD

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US?

PAYMENT OPTIONS

PAY IN FULL Enclosed is my full member payment

Household Size 1: \$150 Household Size 2: \$275
Reduced Rate: \$15

PAY IN INSTALLMENTS Enclosed is my first installment.

I understand that the 2nd payment will be due in three months.
Household Size 1: \$75 Household Size 2: \$137.50

ADDITIONAL GIFT

Please apply an additional \$ _____ to help support the start up costs of the Co-op. *Please note that your gift is not tax-deductible.*

The Richmond Food Co-op is a start-up business that requires member equity to cover opening expenses. Please note that while member equity is potentially refundable, it is at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Member equity refunds cannot be made until the cooperative is operating at a stable level of profit.