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FOOD RULES FOR TEMPORARY FOOD SERVICE PERMIT

THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS ARE TO BE MET BY ESTABLISHMENTS THAT OPERATE AT A FIXED LOCATION FOR A PERIOD OF NO MORE THAN 14 CONSECUTIVE DAYS.

1. Food to be administered to the public may not be prepared in a private residence. **Anyone serving food to the public regardless of charging a fee or giving it away, must obtain a health permit.**
2. All food, including ice must be from an approved source and kept in food grade containers.
3. The storage of food must be in a clean, dry area. Food must not come in contact with ground or any other unsanitary surfaces.
4. Food must be protected during storage, display, and cooking as follows:
 - a) Must be kept covered;
 - b) Must be stored on a clean surface;
 - c) Must be kept at the proper temperature: Potentially hazardous food requiring cold storage must be kept at 41° Fahrenheit or below; frozen foods at 0° Fahrenheit or below; foods requiring hot storage at 135° Fahrenheit or above. Thermometers must be kept in equipment or a metal stemmed product thermometer may be used to check internal food temperature;
 - d) All food, single service containers and utensils should be stored at least six (6) inches of floor.
5. Food dispensing utensils should be stored in food with handle out.

Enough potable water shall be available in the establishment for washing, rinsing, sanitizing and hand washing.

Three (3) plastic dish pans for washing, rinsing, and sanitizing food preparation areas, equipment such as cooking utensils, pots, pans, etc. is required. Bleach or any other approved sanitizer must be provided.

6. A thermos with a spigot shall be available for employee hand washing. Warm running water, soap, hand sanitizer, disposable gloves, and individual paper towels must be provided.

7. Facilities must be available to retain all liquid wastes.
8. All stands must have adequate covered garbage containers and all permittees' are responsible for keeping the area clean and free of garbage.
9. A temporary health permit for each stand must be obtained by mail **two (2) weeks** in advance of the event date or in person **two (2) full business days** before the event date. A **late fee of \$25.00** will apply if not obtained in advance.
10. Non-compliance of these rules will result in the immediate closing of the stand and/or a citation issued by the Health Department.
11. Omit items # 7 through # 10 if prepackage foods are only being sold.