



Temporary food establishments are those that serve food at festivals, fairs, and other public gatherings and operate for 15 days per year or less. In order to protect public health, State law requires that temporary food establishments obtain a permit from the local health department prior to serving food to the public. The applicable rules can be viewed at: www.deh.enr.state.nc.us/ehs/rules.htm (beginning with page 20)

In order to obtain a temporary food establishment permit, the Person County Health Department now requires that each food vendor submit a completed application to the Health Department at least 30 days prior to the event. This will allow Environmental Health Specialists adequate time to review proposed menus, equipment, and procedures prior to the event and will help ensure that food will be prepared and served in a safe manner and in accordance with State regulations.

Application packets are available at the health department. It is the responsibility of the event organizer to ensure that application packets are provided to each potential food vendor. Permits cannot be issued to food vendors that have not submitted a completed application at least 30 days prior to the event or that do not comply with State regulations. Please feel free to contact the Person County Health Department for additional information.

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