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TEMPORARY FOOD OPERATION REQUIREMENTS

Temporary Food Service Operation (FSO)

Ohio Revised Code defines a temporary food service operation as a food service operation that is operated at an event for not more than five consecutive days. A food service operation means a place, location, site, or separate area where food intended to be served in individual portions is prepared or served for a charge or required donation. As used in this division, "served" means a response made to an order for one or more individual portions of food in a form that is edible without washing, cooking, or additional preparation and "prepared" means any action that affects a food other than receiving or maintaining it at the temperature at which it was received.

Temporary Retail Food Establishment (RFE)

Ohio Revised Code defines a temporary retail food establishment as a retail food establishment that is operated at an event for not more than five consecutive days. A retail food establishment means a premises or part of a premise where food is stored, processed, prepared, manufactured, or otherwise held or handled for retail sale.

Applications

Ohio Law requires that each person or government entity seeking a temporary food service operation license or a temporary retail food establishment license apply for a license. A copy of this application is included in this packet. Please be reminded that this license is only valid:

- For a single event
- In one location
- For a period of not longer than five consecutive days

Not more than ten temporary food service operation/temporary retail food establishment licenses will be issued per licensing period to the same person or government entity to operate at different events within the City of Lorain and the City of Avon Lake. For each particular event, the Lorain City Health Department will issue only one temporary food service operation/temporary retail food establishment license to the same person or government entity at a single event.

General Information

A regular or catering food service operation license cannot be substituted for this license.

Each operator must provide a safe and sanitary operation. The enclosed checklist can be used to help you meet this intent.

When your application is approved, the license will be sent to you. **Be sure to allow two weeks or more for processing.**

The license must be displayed in a conspicuous and public manner in your operation during the event.

If you have any questions, please contact the Lorain City Health Department at (440) 204-2300.



Planning for Food Safety

If applicable, have methods for adequate refrigeration (cold-holding) of foods.

This can be done with a refrigerator, or closed cooling chest containing ice or dry ice. If ice is used, keep foods above or out of melted ice water.

Food must be kept below 41°F to prevent unnecessary bacteria growth.

Mechanical refrigeration must be used for overnight storage of potentially hazardous food.

If applicable, have methods for adequate heating of foods.

This can be done with grill, barbecue, deep fryer or conventional heating method.

Foods prepared may be kept in a covered electric rotisserie but keep the product stirred so that the temperature of all the food stays constant and keep the temperature setting as high as possible (at least 135°F).

A metal stem-type thermometer (scaled from 0-220°F) is required to assure the attainment and maintenance of proper temperature. The thermometer must be able to read both hot and cold food temperatures.

Avoid offering higher risk food items for sale to the public.

This would include:

- cream-filled pastries (homemade)
- cream-filled pies (homemade)
- any readily perishable dairy products in crock pots
- shredded chicken or meat products in crock pots
- home-canned foods are not to be displayed, sold or distributed in any manner
- salad-type sandwich spreads such as ham or chicken salad
- creamed macaroni or potato salad dishes
- raw, raw marinated, or partially cooked beef, poultry, pork, fish, mollusks or shellfish
- unpasteurized juices

Use foods from approved sources.

Generally, foods purchased from your local grocery stores are from an approved source.

Food packaged in a temporary food service operation or temporary retail food establishment and offered for self-service must be properly labeled as specified in law.

Label information shall include:

- the common name of the food, or absent a common name, an adequately descriptive identity statement;
- if made from two or more ingredients, a list of ingredients in descending order of predominance by weight, including a declaration of artificial color
- flavor and chemical preservatives, if contained in the food;
- an accurate declaration of the quantity of contents;
- the name and place of business of the manufacturer, packer, or distributor;

All food offered for sale must be protected from contamination, other foods, toxic or poisonous materials, dirt, dust, flies, sneezing, coughing or handling by customers, etc.

This can be accomplished by keeping all displayed foods covered with wax paper, cellophane, clear plastic lids, etc. A food shield consisting of an intercepting pane of clear plastic or glass situated between the customers and the food to be protected is also acceptable.

Do not set up your stand so the cooking surface (grill, etc.) is to the front since this can result in customers leaning over prepared foods with the potential of contamination of food with dirt, sneezes, etc.

All raw fruits and vegetables must be thoroughly washed in water or an approved vegetable wash before being served, cut or combined with other ingredients.

All potentially hazardous food products must be cooked to heat all parts of the food to the following temperatures:

- ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE (145) DEGREES FAHRENHEIT or above for fifteen seconds for raw shell eggs, beefsteaks, veal, mollusks, shellfish and fish.
- ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE (155) DEGREES FAHRENHEIT or above for fifteen seconds for pork, ground beef, and other ground meat/fish.
- ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE (165) DEGREES FAHRENHEIT or above for fifteen seconds for poultry, stuffed fish, stuffed meat, stuffed pasta, stuffed poultry, stuffed ratites, or stuffing containing fish, meat, poultry, or ratites.

All food products must be stored a minimum of six inches off the ground or floor.

Only persons in good health should prepare or serve food.

Under no circumstances should persons with colds, sore throats, skin infections, upset stomachs, diarrhea, cuts or boils, prepare or serve foods.

Persons handling food should wear clean clothes and wash hands frequently.

No smoking or use of tobacco is permitted while preparing or serving foods.

A Handwashing facility for persons handling food is important to reduce the possibility for food contamination and consist of one of the following:

- Warm running water under pressure with soap and single-use disposable paper towels and posted with sign instructing employees to wash hands
- Coffee urn (or something similar) containing warm water with soap and single-use disposable paper towels. This is required of all operators preparing food.
- Disposable towelettes that contain an approved sanitizer (Benzethonium chloride, dimethyl benzyl ammonium chloride, chlorine, citric acid, etc.). Some examples of these products include Wet-Ones Antibacterial wipes, Equate Clean & Easy Anti-bacterial wipes, Wash 'n Dri Moist Disposable Towelettes, Johnson's Antibacterial Towelettes, Clorox Disinfecting wipes and Mr. Clean Wipe-ups Antibacterial. Disposable towelettes can only be utilized by those operations selling prepackaged food products only. Air dry your hands after using these products, do not dry them with a paper towel. Always use all products per manufacturer's recommendations.
- Hand sanitizers cannot be used as a substitute for one of the above methods of handwashing.

Multiple use equipment and utensils must be smooth, easily cleanable and free of pits, chips, dents, etc.

Single service or single use articles may not be reused.

All multi-use utensils and food contact surfaces must be cleaned and sanitized as often as needed to minimize the potential for cross-contamination.

Disposable gloves and hair restraints are required of all food handlers. In addition, handle food with tongs or single-service paper and serve to customer on single service, disposable tableware.

Ensure that all ketchup, mustard, sugar and similar condiments are dispensed from pump-type containers, squeeze-type containers or individual serving packets.

Pour-type products should not be dispensed from uncovered containers with spoons, knives or forks used for application.

Use (dry) non-dairy products instead of milk or cream for coffee creamer.

Avoid use of insecticides or other hazardous chemicals.

If you have reusable utensils (pots, pans, spatulas, etc.) they should be properly washed before reusing. This requires three sinks or containers (5 gallon buckets are commonly used).

1. Wash with detergent.
2. Rinse with clear, clean water.
3. Sanitize with an approved sanitizer (i.e. Chlorine at 25-100ppm, Quaternary ammonia at 200 ppm or Iodine at 12.5-25ppm).

Test papers are required for checking concentration of chemical sanitizer.

Wiping cloths must be rinsed frequently in a sanitizing solution and stored in the sanitizing solution between uses.

Use only water and ice from a safe, approved source.

Dispose of all wastewater into a sanitary sewer.

Have sanitary toilet and handwashing facilities within 300 feet of operation, during all hours of operation.

Store refuse in covered, moisture resistant containers until it can be properly disposed.

Planning for Food Security

Food security is a vital element of planning for outdoor events. Unless personnel apply proper security practices to all areas of the outdoor food operation, food may become a target for contamination and intentional tampering and present a danger to public health.

The key to protecting food is to make it as difficult as possible for even a single tampering to occur. An effective food security program should consider all points where food is vulnerable to intentional contamination. It is important to remember that human intervention is required before contamination can take place.

Therefore, precautionary measures should focus on eliminating any opportunities for contamination or product tampering throughout the entire outdoor food operation, from receiving to serving food to the customers.

Sign and return this form

TEMPORARY FOOD OPERATION CHECKLIST

This checklist is to be used to help you meet licensing requirements.

Items Marked with a (*) are required for every temporary food service operation. Failure to comply with items marked with a (*) can result in suspension of your license and your ability to sell regulated food items at the event you are applying for.

For further clarification of requirements, see enclosed Food Handling Guidelines for Fairs and Festivals.

You must return this signed checklist with your signed application and your letter of intent to conduct a temporary operation before a license will be issued. Please make a copy if you need one.

- [] All non-prepackaged foods (meat, poultry, fish, cooked vegetables, dairy products, etc.) will be prepared at the event or in an existing licensed food operation. All food products must come from an approved source (*).
- [] All foods not in their original containers and readily identifiable must be labeled as to identity or common name (*).
- [] All food products packaged for retail sale must be labeled with the name of the food and a list of ingredients at a minimum. Additional labeling may be required. Please see the enclosed Food Handling Guidelines for Fairs and Festivals for additional information.
- [] Potentially hazardous food will be kept hot (135°F or above) or cold (41°F or below) at the event and during transportation to the event by using insulated containers or mechanical means. Foods reheated must reach 165°F or above (*).
- [] All raw foods will be stored in a manner that minimizes cross contamination of ready to eat foods (*).
- [] Mechanical refrigeration will be used for overnight storage of potentially hazardous food (*).
- [] A metal stem-type thermometer (scaled from 0-220°F) will be used to assure proper temperatures. This thermometer is required for all operations selling potentially hazardous foods.
- [] All food will be protected from dirt, dust, flies, sneezing, or customers (*).
- [] Three sinks or containers will be provided for the necessary washing, rinsing, and sanitizing of utensils and cookware. These containers must be large enough to submerge the largest pot, bowl or utensil in (*).
- [] Test papers and a comparison chart will be used for checking chemical sanitizer strength. Please make sure that you have the appropriate papers and comparison chart for the type of sanitizer that you are utilizing (*).
- [] A method for disinfecting hands will be provided within the operation. Hand sanitizers cannot be used as a substitute for an approved method of handwashing (see guide) (*).
- [] Disposable gloves and hair restraints are required of all food handlers (*).

- [] Water from a safe, tested source will be used (*).
- [] Sanitary toilet and handwashing facilities will be available within 300 feet of the unit (*).
- [] Wastewater will be disposed into a sanitary sewer (*).
- [] Refuse will be stored in covered, moisture resistant containers until disposal at an approved facility. The operation will be free of unnecessary items and litter (*).
- [] A person in charge will be present in the operation at all times that the operation is open. This person must demonstrate knowledge of safe food preparation and handling methods (*).
- [] The presence of insects, rodents and other pests shall be controlled to minimize their presence (*).
- [] Live animals will be excluded from the area under the control of the operator of the temporary operation (*).
- [] Containers of poisonous or toxic materials and personal care items will be kept to a minimum and will bear a legible manufacturers label (*).
- [] The Letter of Intent to Operate a Temporary Food Operation and a drawing of your facility is included

The undersigned agrees to comply with all of the provisions stated above:

Name: _____ Date: _____

(Please Complete)

Name of Temporary Food Facility: _____

Location of Event: _____

Address of Event: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Start Date: _____ End Date: _____ Operation Time(s): _____

Name of License Holder: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address of License Holder: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

List all Foods Being Served/Sold: _____

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Letter of Intent to Conduct a Temporary FSO/RFE

(Please draw your facility layout on the last page of this form)

What foods do you intend to prepare or serve?

What is the source of the food (where did you get the food from)?

Describe any hot holding and/or cold holding facilities that you are proposing to use.

Describe your proposed handwashing facilities (handwashing facilities are required).

Describe any equipment and utensils that you are using.

Describe any support facilities that are available (restrooms, public handwashing stations, dish machines, etc.).

Reminder: Please draw your facility layout on the last page of this form

Identify and describe all equipment including cooking equipment and hot and cold holding equipment, handwashing facilities, worktables, dishwashing facilities, food and single service storage, garbage containers, and customer service areas.

Please draw your facility layout in the box provided below

