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# TEMPORARY FOOD PERMIT APPLICANTS

Enclosed are the requirements and an application for a permit to operate a temporary food establishment in the City of Manchester, New Hampshire.

Unless you have a valid Manchester Health Department permit to operate as a <u>mobile food vendor</u>, you must file an application for a temporary permit. A permit to operate a food establishment, such as a restaurant, does not allow you to operate a temporary food establishment without prior approval.

The Manchester Health Department has the responsibility to insure that all foods provided to the public in Manchester are from safe and approved sources. The Health Department cannot issue a permit until this can be ascertained. <u>Establishments which are not in compliance with the NH Sanitary Food</u> <u>Code (or equivalent code if out of state) will not be issued a permit in the City of Manchester.</u> Operation of a food establishment in Manchester be it temporary or otherwise, without a permit is in violation of City Ordinance.

To insure that the Health Department has a sufficient period of time to process an application, <u>all</u> <u>applications should be submitted at least</u> **2 weeks or 10 working days prior** to the planned event. If this is not done a Health Department permit may not be issued and the establishment may not be able to operate at the requested event.

IF YOU NEED TO CANCEL/RESCHEDULE YOUR EVENT – YOU MUST NOTIFY THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN ADVANCE VIA THE EVENT CANCELLATION HOTLINE (628-6003, Press Option #3). Failure to do so may prevent you from obtaining a temporary food license in the future.

#### Please note that all applicants must include:

- 1. A <u>completed</u> temporary food service application form. (Page 2 both sides)
- 2. Applicable fees.

## 3. **IF COMING FROM OUTSIDE MANCHESTER:**

- a. A copy of your current state or local food permit.
- b. A copy of your most current (within 6 months) inspection report.

# 4. IF YOU ARE NOT CURRENTLY LICENSED BY A STATE OR LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

- a. A copy of the commissary's current state or local food permit.
- b. A copy of the commissary's most current (within 6 months) inspection report.

If you have any questions, please contact the Manchester Health Department.



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# **TEMPORARY FOOD PERMIT REQUIREMENTS**

- \* KEEP POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS FOOD ITEMS BELOW 41° F OR ABOVE 140° F SUCH AS MEAT, FISH, POULTRY, DAIRY, FROZEN FOOD ITEMS NEED TO BE STORED AT OR BELOW 0° F.
- \* SHIELD FOOD AND FOOD CONTACT SURFACES FROM POSSIBLE CONTAMINATION. PROVIDE OVERHEAD PROTECTION IF OUTDOORS.
- \* STORE FOOD ITEMS AT LEAST 18 INCHES OFF THE GROUND WHEN EVENT IS OUTDOORS OR 6 INCHES OFF THE GROUND WHEN EVENT IS INDOORS.
- \* PROVIDE AT LEAST TWO GARBAGE CONTAINERS WITH TIGHT FITTING COVERS.
- \* KEEP HANDS CLEAN. WASH HANDS AFTER USING TOILET FACILITIES, EATING OR SMOKING.
- WEAR CLEAN CLOTHING THAT INCLUDES A SHIRT OR BLOUSE WITH SLEEVES, HAIR RESTRAINTS AND AN APRON.
- \* USE PLASTIC GLOVES OR DISPENSING UTENSILS WHEN PREPARING OR SERVING FOOD PRODUCTS.
- \* DO NOT SMOKE OR EAT IN THE FOOD PREPARATION AREA.
- \* FOOD ITEMS ARE NOT TO BE STORED IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH ICE.
- \* FOOD ITEMS NOT PREPARED ON SITE MUST BE PREPARED IN AN APPROVED LICENSED FACILITY.



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Please List	Please State Yes/No	Please State Yes/No	Please Describe	Please State Hot/Cold	Please State Hot/Cold
Food Item/s (list all)	Off Site Prep	On Site Prep	Onsite Cooking Procedures/equipment	Holding	Serving
Example: BBQ Chicken	N	Y	Grill & chafing dishes	Hot	Hot

Sampling techniques (please include details):

# FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

	Yes	No		Yes	No
Sources of Food Safe/Sanitary			*Refrigeration Working Properly		
Sanitizer Available			*Hand Washing Facility Available		
*Potentially Hazardous Foods			Food Protection Satisfactory		
Meet Temp			No Food / Ice Contact		$\square$
Equipment & Utensils					
Satisfactory			Personnel: Hair Restraint – Apron		
Food Stored 18" off Ground			Garbage Disposal Satisfactory		
(Covered)			Good Hygienic Practices		
Bare Hand Contact Avoidance			Good Hygienic Fractices		
Other Comments:					

# How to properly prepare and use sanitizers

Either regular (unscented) bleach or quaternary ammonium (in liquid or tablet form) may be used to sanitize your food service equipment and preparation surfaces.

To make the bleach and water solution at the proper concentration, use the following guideline:

# Add 1 tablespoon regular bleach to 1 Gallon of water

(This will give you a 200 ppm chlorine solution)

Use chemical test strips to check the concentration of the solution. A bleach and water solution for sanitizing food preparation surfaces and equipment shall be in the range of 50-200 ppm chlorine.

For quaternary ammonium, either liquid or tablet form may be used. If using either the liquid or tablet form, follow the manufacturer's directions on the bottle/container in order to obtain the proper concentration. Use chemical test strips to check the concentration of the solution. Please verify the allowable concentration of quaternary ammonium per manufacturer's guidelines.

**Helpful hint**: If making a spray bottle of sanitizer, it may be easier to make a large batch of the sanitizer at the proper concentration and then fill the spray bottle, rather than try and make it in the bottle itself.



## How to use test strips

- Make sure the test strip is appropriate for the type of sanitizer.
- Prepare the sanitizing solution.
- Dip a strip into the solution for at least 10 seconds.
- Compare the color the strip changed to with the guide on the outside of the package to determine the solution strength.

Check the concentration frequently using the test strips. The solution will need to be changed periodically, especially if it becomes dirty with food or other debris.

# **Temporary Hand Washing Setup**



# WASH HANDS:

#### **BEFORE**:

- Starting to work/prepare food
- Handling Ready-to-eat food

## AFTER:

- Using the restroom
- Sneezing
- Coughing
- Touching face or hair
- Touching raw food
- Eating or drinking
- Emptying/handling garbage
- Smoking
- Handling money
- Any chance of contamination

Provide warm water for handwashing (minimum of  $100^{\circ}$ F). Ensure that a waste water container is provided and that all waste water is disposed if in the sanitary sewer – not down a storm drain or on the ground.