

HEALTH REGULATION # 4

FOOD SANITATION



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**TOOELE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
REGULATIONS FOR FOOD SANITATION**

1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this regulation is to provide uniform regulations for food service sanitation. These regulations are deemed necessary for the promotion of public health, environmental health and the prevention of outbreaks and spread of communicable or infectious diseases.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

As used in this regulation:

- 2.1 Commissary: means a Department-approved staging area where a mobile food service establishment or catering type business returns regularly for maintenance activities such as equipment cleaning, stocking, storing, discharging liquid or solid wastes , refilling water tanks and ice bins, and preparing food.
- 2.2 Department means: The Tooele County Health Department.
- 2.3 Director means: The director of the Tooele County Health Department or an authorized representative.
- 2.4 Employee means: the permit holder, supervisory or management personnel, or any other person working in a retail food store or food establishment.
- 2.5 Food Service Establishment means: any place where food and/or drinks are prepared and intended for individual portion service, and includes the site at which individual portions are provided. The term includes any such place regardless of whether consumption is on or off the premises and regardless of whether there is a charge for the food. The term also includes delicatessen-type operations in retail food stores. The term does not include private homes where food is prepared or served for individual family consumption, food vending machines, supply vehicles, private parties and religious activities when the public is not invited to attend.
- 2.6 Mobile Food Service Establishment means: a readily moveable vehicle, trailer, booth, stand, shack, ice shack/stand or any type of a vehicle-mounted food establishment from which food is prepared, served, sold or given away.
- 2.7 Nuisance means: unlawfully doing any act which either annoys, injures or endangers the comfort, repose, health or safety of any person, or that renders a person insecure in life or the use of property.

- 2.8 Owner means: any person who alone, jointly, or severally with others:
- a. has legal title to any premises, dwelling or dwelling unit, business, or food establishment, with or without accompanying actual possession thereof; or
 - b. has charge, care, or control of any premises, dwelling, dwelling unit, business, or food establishment, as legal or equitable owner, lessee, or is an executor, executrix, administrator, administratrix, trustee, or guardian of the estate of the owner.
- 2.9 Public Event means: any event that is one-time or periodic, free or ticketed, cultural, charitable or cause-related, and conducted for the purpose of attracting revenue, support, awareness, and/or for entertainment purposes, and created by and/or for the general public.
- 2.10 Temporary Food Service Establishment means: a food service establishment that operates for a period of time of not more than 14 consecutive days in conjunction with a public event.

3.0 ISSUANCE OF PERMITS

- 3.1 Any person desiring to operate a food service establishment, temporary food service establishment or mobile food service establishment shall make written application for a permit on forms provided by the Department.
- 3.2 Prior to permit issuance the Department shall inspect the proposed food service establishment or mobile food service establishment to determine compliance with the requirements of these rules and regulations.
- 3.3 The Department shall issue a permit if the inspection reveals that the food service establishment or mobile food service establishment comes into compliance with these rules and regulations. Maintenance of the permit is contingent on compliance with these rules and regulations.
- 3.4 New establishments or existing food service establishments/mobile service establishments undergoing remodeling, shall be required to submit plans to the Department for review and approval. Persons wanting to open a food service establishment in an existing building shall be required to bring the facility into compliance with current state and local food sanitation codes prior to issuance of a permit.
- 3.5 In order to serve food at a public event, operators must obtain a Temporary Event Food Establishment Permit in advance of opening for business. A permit obtained for one location for an event will not be valid for another time/location. Permit applications received less than three days prior to the event will be charged late fees.

- 3.6 Temporary Event Food Establishment Permits will not be issued on-site at events.
- 3.7 Temporary Event Food Establishment Permits are NOT required for: (a) mobile food service establishments already permitted by the Department for permanent mobile food service if the event is held at their designated location. (b) Non-potentially hazardous beverage-only temporary service. This does not include: Beverages with potentially hazardous ingredients such as dairy products, melons, tomatoes, cooked vegetables, or juice from cooked vegetables. (c) Vendors of non-potentially hazardous, commercially packaged and prepared foods requiring no temperature control, preparation or handling. (d) Vendors who are already permitted and inspected as a permanent food establishment operating at their own licensed premises.
- 3.8 All food and beverage service workers must pass an approved Food Handler Examination. Each food employee shall be registered with a local health department and hold a valid Utah Food Handler Permit. All employee Food Handler Permits must be available to the health authority for review on demand. The Department may prescribe such other requirements as it deems necessary.
- 3.9 Employees or volunteers who work in a temporary food service establishment shall be exempted from obtaining a Food Handler Permit, provided that at least one person at the temporary establishment has a valid Food Handler Permit and is present during all hours of operation.
- Volunteers who work in a food service establishment are also exempted from obtaining a Food Handler Permit, provided that at least one person who is responsible for said establishment has a valid Food Handler Permit and directly supervises all volunteers.
- 3.10 A fee, as established by the Department, shall be submitted by each applicant for a food handler permit. Any person needing to obtain a copy of a valid food handler permit shall pay the applicable fee set by the Department.
- 3.11 All food handler permits shall expire after a period of time as determined by the Department, and must be renewed prior to expiration date. Food handler permits may only be renewed upon completion of requirements specified for issuance of a new permit, or any requirements as specified by the Department.
- 3.12 Each food service establishment listed as a category 2 or higher must have at least one certified food safety manager. All employees who have passed an approved certified food safety manager course must register as a certified food safety manager or food handler and must pay the applicable fees set by the Department.

3.13 All food service establishments shall comply with the Utah Indoor Clean Air Act.

4.0 PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

4.1 It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a food service establishment/mobile food service establishment/temporary food service establishment within Tooele County, or its law enforcement jurisdiction, who does not possess a valid permit issued by the Department. Permits are not transferable. A valid permit shall be posted in every food service establishment.

4.2 Each food service establishment/mobile food service establishment shall submit a fee, as set by the Tooele County Board of Health, with application for each permitting period. If the permit fee and application have not been received by the renewal date a late fee will be assessed. If the fee and application have not been received within one month of the renewal date, the establishment will be closed. Annual permits are valid for one year, renewable each year thereafter from their permit date.

4.3 Each temporary food service establishment shall submit a fee, as set by the Tooele County Board of Health, with application for each event. Operating at an event without a permit will result in additional fees or penalties as set by the Department.

4.4 All food service establishments/mobile food service establishments are placed into categories according to the number and type of potentially hazardous foods they serve and the risk for food-borne illness. The annual permit fee amount and the number of routine inspections are determined by the category in which an establishment is placed.

5.0 FOOD SANITATION RULES

5.1 The requirements as found in the R392-100 Utah Food Service Sanitation Rule, R392-104 Feeding Disadvantaged Groups, R392-110 Home Based Child Care Food Service, Food Safety Manager Certification Act: Title 26, 15a, R392-101 Food Safety Manager Certification Rule, R392-103 Food Handler Training and Certification Rule are adopted and incorporated by reference by the Department.

5.2 For a temporary event all foods and drinks offered to the public must be prepared in a licensed, commercial kitchen or at the food booth on the day of the event. Under no circumstances can food or drinks be prepared in a private residence and then offered to the public.

- 5.3 A Food Service Establishment Permit is valid only at the location and dates stated on the permit and shall be renewed upon change of ownership or annually after the date of issuance. A Mobile Food Service Establishment Permit is valid at any location in Tooele County as long as the Department is notified of the dates/times they will be at the specified locations.
- 5.4 Each mobile food service establishment shall not have tables, chairs or other seating type areas at their assigned location.
- 5.5 Each mobile food service establishment shall have a toilet facility accessible for food employees during all hours of operation.
- 5.6 The construction and operation of mobile food service establishments must meet the requirements of the R392-100 Utah Food Service Sanitation Rule.
- 5.7 The Department establishes Temporary Event Guidelines; each temporary event operator shall be in compliance with the guidelines provided by the Department.
- 5.8 Each mobile food service establishment or caterer located in Tooele County must have a permitted commissary in Tooele County or a permitted commissary from a local health department elsewhere in Utah. If a mobile food service establishment or caterer has adequate facilities to accommodate the functions of a commissary, then a commissary may not be required.

6.0 SUSPENSION OF PERMITS

- 6.1 The Department may, without warning, notice, or hearing, suspend any permit to operate a food service establishment if the holder of the permit does not comply with the requirements of these rules and regulations, or if the operation of the establishment does not comply with the requirements of these rules and regulations, or if the operation of the food service establishment otherwise constitutes a substantial hazard to public health. Suspension is effective upon service of the notice requirement in Section 6.2 of these rules and regulations. When a permit is suspended, food service operations shall immediately cease. Whenever a permit is suspended, the holder of the permit shall be afforded an opportunity for a hearing within 10 days of receipt of a request for a hearing.
- 6.2 Whenever a permit is suspended, the holder of the permit or the person in charge shall be notified in writing that the permit is, upon service of the notice, immediately suspended and that an opportunity for a hearing will be provided if a written request for a hearing is filed with the health authority by the holder of the permit within 10 days. If no written request for hearing is filed within 10 days, the suspension is sustained.

- 6.3 Any person whose permit has been suspended may, at any time, make application for a reinspection for the purpose of reinstatement of the permit. Within 10 days following receipt of a written request, including a statement signed by the applicant that in this opinion conditions causing suspension of the permit have been corrected, the Department shall make a reinspection. If the applicant is complying with the requirements of these rules and regulations, the permit shall be reinstated.

7.0 REVOCATION OF PERMIT

- 7.1 The Department may, after providing opportunity for hearing, revoke a permit for serious or repeated violations of any of the requirements of these rules and regulations, or for interference with the Department in the performance of duty.
- 7.2 Prior to revocation, the Department shall notify, in writing, the holder of the permit, or the person in charge, of the specific reason(s) for which the permit is to be revoked and that the permit will be revoked at the end of 10 days following service of such notice unless a written request for hearing is filed with the Department within the 10-day period.

8.0 ENFORCEMENT

- 8.1 The Tooele County Health Department, Environmental Health Division, is charged with the enforcement of the provisions of these rules and regulations.
- 8.2 The Department may, if it determines a serious health hazard exists, order closed all or part of a food service establishment's operation(s) immediately.

9.0 RIGHT TO APPEAL

- 9.1 Within 10 calendar days after the Department has given a notice of violation(s), any person(s) aggrieved by the notice may request in writing a hearing before the Director. The hearing shall take place within 10 calendar days after the request. A written notice of the Director's determination shall be given within 10 calendar days after adjournment of the hearing. The Director may sustain, modify, or reverse the action or order.

9.2 Any person aggrieved by the decision of the director may file an appeal with the district court within 30 days of the date of the director's decision.

10.0 PENALTIES

10.1 Any person who is found guilty of violating any of the provisions of these rules and regulations, either by failing to do those acts required herein or by doing a prohibited act, is guilty of a class B misdemeanor pursuant to Section 26A-1-123, Utah Code Annotated, 1953, as amended. If a person is found guilty of a subsequent similar violation within two years, he is guilty of a class A misdemeanor pursuant to Section 26A-1-123, Utah Code Annotated, 1953, as amended.

10.2 Each day such violation is committed or permitted to continue shall constitute a separate violation.

10.3 The county attorney may initiate legal action to abate any condition that exists in violation of these rules and regulations, or may file any other civil or criminal action concerning a violation of this regulation.

10.4 In addition to other penalties imposed by a court of competent jurisdiction, any person(s) found guilty of violating any of these rules and regulations shall be liable for all expenses incurred by the Department in removing or abating any nuisance, source of filth, cause of sickness or infection, health hazard, or sanitation violation.

11.0 SEVERABILITY

11.1 If any provision, clause, sentence, or paragraph of these rules and regulations or the application thereof to any person regardless of circumstances shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or applications of these rules and regulations. The valid part of any clause, sentence, or paragraph of these regulations shall be given independence from the invalid provisions or application and to this end the provisions of these regulations are hereby declared to be severable.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Tooele County Board of Health has passed, approved and adopted this regulation this ____ day of _____, _____.

ATTEST:

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