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Temporary Food Establishment Inspection **Guidelines**

This document is a guideline provided for persons interested in a Temporary Food Establishment Permit operating within the jurisdiction of Navarro County. Temporary food establishment equipment and criteria may vary depending on the type of operation.

REQUIREMENTS FOR FOOD PREPARATIONS: Food shall be obtained from approved sources and be in sound condition. Food shall be prepared only in permitted or licensed establishments. Food prepared in a private home is not allowed. The Texas Food Establishment Rules (TFER) requires that meat and poultry products be cooked to the following minimum internal temperatures: Poultry-165°F, Ground Meats-155°F, Pork-145°F, and other Meats-145°F. Time/temperature control for safety (TCS) foods (i.e., foods which consist in whole or in part of milk or milk products, eggs, cut tomatoes, cut melon, raw seed sprouts, cooked vegetables, meat, and seafood) shall be held at 41°F or lower, or at 135°F or above. Equipment adequate to cook and maintain foods at the required temperatures shall be provided. An accurate food temperature thermometer (metal stem) shall be used to monitor the proper internal cooking and holding temperatures of TCS foods. Packaged foods shall not be stored in direct contact with water or undrained ice.

EQUIPMENT: Food, utensils, and single service articles shall be protected from contamination during storage, preparation, display, and service. Utensils, including ice scoops, shall be provided to minimize handling of foods. Food contact surfaces shall be easily cleanable and washed, rinsed, and sanitized as necessary using three suitably sized basins as follows: wash with warm soapy water, rinse in clean water and sanitize with 50 ppm chlorine or 200 ppm quaternary ammonia. Single-service articles must be provided for use by the consumers.

PERSONAL HYGIENE: Personnel shall maintain a high degree of personal cleanliness and conform to good hygienic practices. They shall be free of infections which may transmit foodborne illness. Hands shall be washed as often as needed during food preparation. Handwash facilities shall include an insulated container with a spigot that can be turned on to allow potable, clean, warm water to flow; a wastewater container; soap; disposable towels and a waste receptacle. An approved hand sanitizer must be used after handwashing. Single-use gloves may be used in addition to handwashing. The use of tobacco or eating food in preparation and serving areas is prohibited.

WATER: A sufficient supply of flowing water from an approved source shall be provided to prepare food and to clean hands, equipment, and utensils. A closed water container with a spigot may be used.

TOILET FACILITIES & WASTE DISPOSAL: Conveniently located toilet facilities shall be provided. All sewage and wastewater shall be disposed of through a sewage system according to law. Adequate, covered containers for refuse and garbage shall be provided.

BOOTH CONSTRUCTION: Subflooring shall be graded to drain, and dust shall be controlled. Floors shall be constructed of concrete, asphalt, dirt, or gravel if covered with mats, removable platforms or other suitable materials approved by the regulatory authority, such as but not limited to tarps. Overhead protection above food preparation areas shall be constructed of wood, canvas, or other materials to protect against the weather. Pests (flies, roaches, or rodents) shall be controlled. Doors, walls, screening, and other measures may be required when necessary to restrict the entrance of flying insects.

ADVISORY: Section 228.222 (a) of the Texas Food Establishment Rules provides that “The regulatory authority may impose additional requirements to protect against health hazards related to the conduct of the temporary food establishment, may prohibit the sale of some or TSC foods, and when no health hazard will result, may waive or modify requirements of these rules.” Failure to comply with these requirements may result in the immediate suspension of the permit and assessment of penalties as provided by the Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 437.