



JOHNSTON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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DOCUMENT OF EXEMPTION

Event Name and Dates: _____

Name of your Organization: _____

Address of Organization: _____

Name of the Responsible Person & Title: _____

Responsible Person's Phone Number: _____

Tax ID Number: _____

List of Foods that will be sold: _____

Dates you are claiming the exemption: _____

How many days will you be operating: _____

What other locations and dates have you operated? _____

Will you be operating any other days or locations this year? If so when and where? _____

Signature of responsible person: _____ Date: _____

****It is the responsibility of the non-profit to prove that they are a non-profit. The responsible persons should include with this application a copy of the exemption letter from the North Carolina Department of Revenue stating the non-profit status or a copy of the 501c3 or 501c4.****

Exempt Food Handlers Recommendations:

There are 5 major risk factors that most commonly make people sick when handling food (not in order):

1. **Poor Personal Hygiene**
2. **Inadequate Cooking**
3. **Improper Food Temperatures**
4. **Cross Contamination**
5. **Food from Unapproved Sources**

Tips:

- ✓ **Always wash hands prior to handling food!** A handwash station consists of: Container for holding warm water, bucket to catch wastewater, antibacterial handsoap and paper towels. When handwash stations are not available, it is recommended to use instant hand sanitizers then put on disposable gloves immediately prior to handling food. Hand washing must occur everytime they are contaminated. *Do not touch foods unless this is followed!!*
- ✓ **Foods must be cooked to proper temperatures!** (Minimum internal temps)
A metal stem thermometer is needed to check temps! *Digital or 0°F-220°F*
Poultry or any stuffed meat cooked to 165°F
Ground beef or foods containing ground beef cooked to 155°F
Pork or any pork item cooked to 150°F
Whole roast beef or beef steak cooked to 130°F
All other foods cooked to 140°F
- ✓ **Hot foods must stay hot and cold food cold!** Hot foods must stay 135°F and cold foods must stay 41°F or below. If refrigerators are unavailable, use ice to keep foods cold. Use hot wells, grills or sternos to keep foods hot. Use your metal stem thermometer to check these foods frequently!
- ✓ **Do not cross contaminate!** Never store raw meats with vegetables or other ready to eat foods. Do not use same knife, cutting boards or utensils for raw foods and ready to eat foods. Keep foods covered so the elements don't contaminate foods. Do not prepare or hold food in area that customers can contaminate foods. Sanitizer needs to be mixed to sanitize food contact surface. **To mix: use one tablespoon of household bleach to one gallon of water!** This gives 50-100ppm solution.
- ✓ **Always purchase foods from approved sources!** Free from contamination, adulteration and spoilage.

Please contact 989-5180 if you have any questions!