

TEMPORARY FOOD/DRINK POLICY

A temporary food establishment is a food establishment that operates for a period of no more than 14 consecutive days in conjunction with a single event or celebration. A temporary food establishment not in conjunction with an event or celebration shall operate for no more than 3 consecutive days.

The Marion County Food Ordinance states that temporary food establishments will be inspected at the discretion of the regulatory authority.

Every effort is made to inspect temporary food events in Marion County. The person in charge of the event is contacted by the health department. A representative of the health department provides that person with the necessary temporary food/drink permit application. The person in charge is then responsible for getting the application to all food/drink vendors for the event as well as providing the health department with a list of the vendors. Prior to the event the health department will contact the vendors with any questions regarding their permit application or to remind them to send in the permit application with the necessary fee.

Individuals or groups wishing to set up a temporary food establishment shall fill out the temporary food/drink permit application and submit it to the Marion County Health Department, **at least 48 hours prior to the event date.** The application will be reviewed and the applicant contacted with any questions. Not for profit groups and food establishments with a current food establishment permit are not issued a temporary food permit or charged a fee. They are required to follow the temporary food establishment requirements of the Marion County Health Department. All other persons will be issued a permit and charged the necessary fee. The current fee as of June 2011 is \$10.

At this time due to time constraints church food events and food stands at school athletic events are not being inspected. Efforts are made to contact the person in charge of all temporary food events when they are made known to the health department.