



MECKLENBURG COUNTY Public Health

Temporary Food Establishments Exemptions and Exceptions

Some vendors of Temporary Food Establishments (TFE's) may be exempt from the regulations requiring a permit to prepare and sell food to the public. The vendors who meet one of the following conditions will not be required to obtain a permit to operate their TFE:

1. Incorporated as a nonprofit corporation in accordance with Chapter SSA of the North Carolina General Statutes
11. Exempt from federal income tax under the Internal Revenue Service Code as defined in General Statute 105-228.90 (have 501(c)(3) status)
111. A political committee as defined in General Statute 163-278.6(14)

A facility meeting one of the above conditions may prepare and sell food to the public without a permit from Mecklenburg County Public Health (MCPH) for no more than two consecutive days, one time per calendar month. MCPH requires proof of the organization's tax-exempt status such as a federally issued 50 I (c) (3) document or state issued tax-exempt status document.

TFE vendors who sell only non-potentially hazardous drinks, such as fresh-squeezed lemonade, coffee, tea, etc., are not required to obtain a permit from the MCPH.

TFE vendors who sell only dipped ice cream, popcorn, candy apples, cotton candy, funnel cakes, soft pretzels and or pre-packaged chips or candy are not required to obtain a permit from MCPH.

Questions? Please call the Mecklenburg County Public Health at (980) 314-1620.