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**Tuscarawas County  
Health Department**

## TEMPORARY FSO/RFE REQUIREMENTS


Ohio Revised Code chapter 3717.01 defines a “*temporary retail food establishment*” and “*temporary food service operation*” as follows;



- A “*facility that is operated at an event for not more than five consecutive days.*”
- A “*retail food establishment*” means a “*premises or part of a premise where food is stored, processed, prepared, manufactured, or otherwise held or handled for retail sale.*”
- A “*food service operation*” means a “*place, location, site, or separate area where food intended to be served in individual portions is prepared or served for a charge or required donation.*”
- As used in this division, "served" means a response made to an order for one or more individual portions of food in a form that is edible without washing, cooking, or additional preparation and "prepared" means any action that affects a food other than receiving or maintaining it at the temperature at which it was received.



### APPLICATIONS

Ohio Law requires that each person or government entity seeking a temporary food service operation license or a temporary retail food establishment license apply for a license. A copy of this application can be obtained by visiting our website at [www.tchdnow.org](http://www.tchdnow.org) or by contacting the Bureau of Environmental Health Services. Please note that this license is only valid as follows:

- For a single event,
- In one location,
- AND for a period of no longer than five consecutive days.

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A temporary license is not renewable and may not be transferred. Not more than **ten** temporary retail food establishment/temporary food service operation licenses will be issued per licensing period to the same person or government entity to operate at different events within Tuscarawas County. For each particular event, the Tuscarawas County Health Department will issue only one temporary retail food establishment/temporary food service operation license to the same person or government entity at a single event. When a licensed retail food establishment or licensed food service operation leaves their facility and operates at another location, they must obtain a separate temporary license in the health district where the operation will be conducted.

A temporary license is not a mobile license. Ohio Revised Code 3717.01 defines a mobile food service as “a food service operation that is operated from a movable vehicle, portable structure or watercraft, routinely changing location, and does not remain at any one location for more than forty (40) consecutive days.”

A regular or catering food service operation license cannot be substituted for a temporary license.

#### LICENSE FEE

The temporary license fees for the Tuscarawas County Health Department are charged per event. Please contact the Bureau of Environmental Health Services at 330-343-5550 for the current fee.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

Each operator must provide a safe and sanitary operation. The checklist enclosed with the application can be used to help you meet this intent.

When your application is approved, the license will be brought to you the day of the event.

All applications and payments must be submitted **at least 10 days** prior to the event to be considered for approval.

The license must be displayed in a conspicuous and public manner in your operation at all times during the event.

**If you have any questions, please contact the Bureau of Environmental Health Services at 330-343-5550 or [eh@tchdnow.org](mailto:eh@tchdnow.org).**

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