Dear food stand vendor,

Enclosed is an application for a temporary food establishment permit to operate in Lafayette County*. The permit application and fee are due before your first day of business if you operate in Lafayette County this year. You must obtain a permit for each stand you operate. (Non-profit organizations are exempt from obtaining a permit, but must still follow food safety rules and laws.)

If you are a temporary food stand or mobile unit that operates primarily at fairs and festivals for less than 14 days per year in this county total, your fee is $25. (Check) “Temporary Food Stand” on the application.

If you operate a mobile food unit that operates at fairs and/or other locations (in Lafayette County) more than 14 days per year, your fee is $75 just like a fast food restaurant. (Check, “Mobile Food Unit” on application.)

**Pre-payment** for temporary food stands and mobile units at fairs **is required**. If you **show up** and open for business **without a permit** a **$75 late fee** will be levied in addition to the permit fee.

There must be a person-in-charge present at all times that holds a current food handlers card or food safety training certification from Lafayette County Health Department or another approved agency. [http://www.lafayettecountyhealth.org/FoodhandlersClass.html](http://www.lafayettecountyhealth.org/FoodhandlersClass.html)

Please refer to the GUIDELINES FOR TEMPORARY FOOD STAND brochure [http://www.lafayettecountyhealth.org/LCHDTempFood.pdf](http://www.lafayettecountyhealth.org/LCHDTempFood.pdf) for the minimum requirements for meeting Rules and Laws for food safety and sanitation. Temporary food stands may utilize a temporary hand washing station (see brochure), three tubs for the dish sinks, and a tent or awning.

Vendors licensed as Mobile food units must have fully enclosed units with hot/cold running water and 4 sinks and proper hot/cold food holding equipment. Wastewater must be retained in a holding tank with proof that it is emptied into an approved sewage system. New mobile units must be inspected prior to obtaining a permit.

**Please call or E-mail with any questions and for clarifications.**

*(For out of state vendors FYI Lafayette County Missouri includes the cities of Odessa, Wellington, Lexington, Higginsville, Concordia, Waverly, Alma, Napoleon, Bates City and Corder.)*

Sincerely,

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