Farmers Market Information
and City Markets / Similar Events

Application
Food vendors of Farmers Markets/City Markets are to complete the Temporary Food Establishment application at least 30 days prior to attending the event to serve or sell food. A health inspector will review the application and determine if a license is required. If the food is non-potentially hazardous a license and fee will not be required from the Health Department.

Vendors selling or serving potentially hazardous food are required to obtain a Temporary Food Establishment license. The fee for a Temporary Food Establishment multiple-day license is $72.00. These markets typically occur once a week from Spring to Fall at the same location. All food vendors, even those that are not required to have a license, must review the Vendors Packet to review principles of food safety.

An operator with a valid Mobile Food Establishment license from a public health district will be required to use their licensed mobile food unit if they do not want to pay a fee for a Temporary Food Establishment license.

Approved Facility
Potentially hazardous food must be prepared in a facility that is approved by the FDA, USDA, Health Department, or be prepared on site. Potentially hazardous food may not be prepared in a home kitchen.

Non-Potentially Hazardous Food
If serving only non-potentially hazardous food, home-canned jams or jellies, cakes, fruit pies or cookies are allowed.

Vendors Packet
The vendors packet describes equipment required and operational procedures that must be followed to reduce the risk of food-borne illness.

Hand Washing Station
If food is being cut, sliced, prepared or handled on-site, a hand wash station is needed. A picnic jug or insulated container with turn valve/faucet to hold warm water, soap, paper towels, and a container to catch the wastewater is to be located at the booth. Proper hand washing is the most effective way to reduce the transmission of communicable disease. Review the Vendors Packet.

Non-Potentially Hazardous Food
Whole uncut fruits, uncut vegetables, breads, cookies, cakes, fruit pies, jams, jellies, candy, and similar foods are considered non-potentially hazardous food. Vendors selling or serving these foods must complete an application; however a license and fee will not be required from the health department.