

Temporary Food Licensure under the Michigan Food Law

Any individual or organization preparing and serving food to the public may be subject to licensure under the Michigan Food Law <https://bit.ly/2mMN7Nw> (Public Act 92 of 2000, as amended).

A temporary food service license is a State license that is good for 14 consecutive days in a single location.

Temporary food service licenses are not transferrable to a person, organization, or to an alternate/multiple serving locations.

Before a temporary food service license can be issued, the Barry-Eaton District Health Department (BEDHD) will need to conduct an on-site inspection near the scheduled time of operation.

Our department has multiple inspections scheduled at different venues throughout the day. Therefore, when applying for a temporary food license, it is important to accurately determine when you will be ready for an inspection. Not doing so may result in a delay in being able to operate.

To avoid paying a late fee*, the Michigan Food Law requires that a temporary food license application (found at <https://bit.ly/2ym7KDR>) be received by the local health department four (4) or more business days before the scheduled event.

Temporary Food License Fees

License Type	Regular Fee	Regular with Late Fee*
Full	\$146	\$186
Full (non-profit**)	\$142	\$183
Limited	77	\$96

The difference between a full and limited temporary food event is dependent upon the complexity of the food service operations and degree of food safety risk to the public. A limited temporary is “limited” to one (low risk) potentially hazardous food product that is both commercially prepared and fully cooked (e.g. commercially prepared & cooked meat products such as hot dogs/corn dogs, canned meats, etc.) and/or deemed non-potentially hazardous food products that require limited or no food preparation.

Organizations that can show proof of having tax exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the federal internal revenue code** are eligible for non-profit licensure.

For more information about applying for a license and safely operating a temporary food establishment, go to <https://bit.ly/2Qhn4bW>.

