

Temporary Food Event FAQs

***How do I know if I need a permit?**

Please click [here](#) to review our guidance document on when a permit is needed.

***I only have alcohol, do I need a permit?**

Yes. The Texas Food Establishment rules define any beverage, including alcohol, as food. Canned beer opened by the customer would not require a temporary food permit.

***What do I need to apply?**

A completed permit application and current, valid government identification card along with any applicable fees. Click [here](#) for the application.

*** Am I exempt from the permit fee?**

Austin City Council may waive fees for an event occurring within city limits if the event organizer holds a valid Social Services Contract with City of Austin. The department may waive fees for an event occurring within Travis County if the event organizer can provide proof of their 501(c)(3) status.

***Where do I get a permit?**

You may obtain a permit application online [here](#) or at 1520 Rutherford Lane Monday through Friday from 7:45am – 3:30pm.

***What's the cost of a permit?**

Temporary food permit fees apply for each food booth. The total number of food booths at the event and the length of the event determine the price per food booth. Please refer to this [link](#) to review the fee level breakdown.

***Is there a limit to length of time for my event?**

A temporary food event may be permitted for a maximum of 14 consecutive days. Any person or organization can apply for a maximum of 6 events (not exceed a total 84 days) during a calendar year.

***When will my permit be ready and where do I pick it up?**

Completed applications should be submitted at least 10 days in advance to allow for processing time. Permits may be processed sooner, but an expedite fee may be assessed. Customer service staff will contact you when permits are ready to be picked up (they will not be mailed).

***How do I properly set up my temporary food booth?**

Click [here](#) to review how to properly set up your temporary food booth.