

Temporary Food Event Guide for Event Coordinators

The Yakima Health District (YHD) issues food permits and inspects all public events where food is sold, including markets, festivals, and street fairs. Event coordinators are encouraged to review the following requirements to help ensure food vendors are set up to operate safely and in compliance with local food safety standards. For additional questions, contact our Environmental Health Help Desk at (509) 249-6508 or YHD.Help.Desk@co.yakima.wa.us.

Food Permit Requirements

When is a Food Permit Required?

A food permit is required for anyone who sells or prepares food at public events. **A food worker card alone does not meet the requirements for a food permit.**

Types of Food Permits

Vendors may apply for one of the following food permits based on their setup:

- **Temporary Food Establishment Permit**
(For temporary booths set up at events)
 - The permit must list the specific event name and date
- **Catering or Restaurant/Catering Permit**
(For approved businesses that serve food off-site)
 - A restaurant permit alone does not allow food service at public events.
- **Mobile Unit Permit** (For food trucks or trailers)

Food made at home cannot be sold at public events unless the vendor has a WSDA Cottage Food License. Food may be prepared on-site, in an approved mobile unit, or commercial kitchen.

WSDA Cottage Food License

MADE IN A HOME KITCHEN THAT HAS NOT BEEN SUBJECT TO STANDARD INSPECTION CRITERIA

Patty Cake's Peanut Brittle

Permit #: _____

Peanut brittle

Ingredients: Peanuts, sugar, corn syrup, butter (cream (milk)), baking soda, vanilla extract (vanilla bean extractives in water, alcohol), salt

This product contains liquor and the alcohol content is one percent or less of the weight of the product.

Net weight: 6 ounces

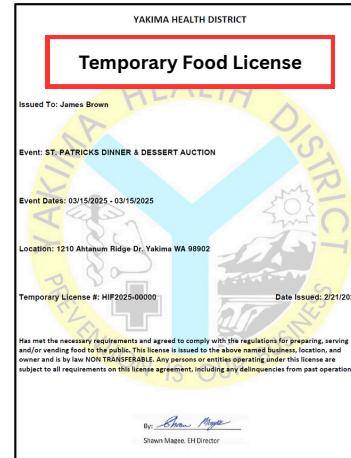
Permit Exemptions

Some vendors may qualify for a permit exemption from YHD if they only sell the following items:

- Commercially pre-packaged dry or non-perishable goods
- Commercially pre-packaged frozen treats
- Popcorn, cotton candy, snow cones
- Chicharrones de grasa (**non-meat only**)
- Corn on the cob without toppings (**esquite is not exempt**)

Examples of YHD Permits

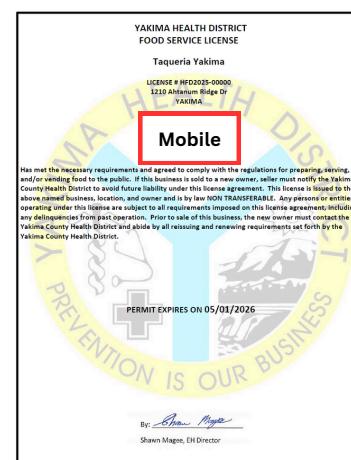
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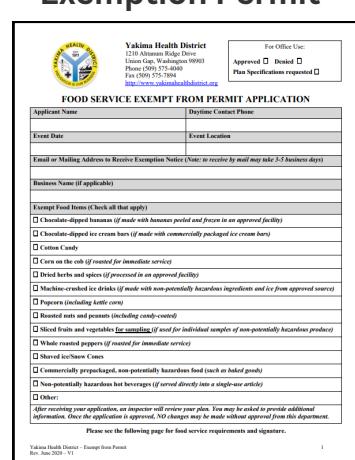
Restaurant/Catering Permit



Mobile Unit Permit



Exemption Permit



Please see the following page for food service requirements and signature.

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Exempt from Permit

Permit Applications

Temporary food event and exemption permit applications should be submitted at least one week before the event to allow adequate time for review. A \$50 late fee will apply to TFE applications submitted less than seven days in advance. Mobile units and catering establishments are encouraged to contact YHD ahead of time to verify permit requirements and applicable fees.

Inspections

YHD staff will conduct inspections before or during an event to verify food permits. Vendors without an approved permit or who are not in compliance with food safety requirements may be asked to stop food service. To help ensure proper setup, vendors are encouraged to review our ***Booth Checklist for Temporary Food Vendors*** for a complete list of required supplies.

General Requirements

- All vendors must show a printed or digital copy of their YHD food permit or exemption. ***A City of Yakima Business License does not meet the requirement for a YHD permit.***
- Mobile food units must show proof of a Labor & Industries (L&I) inspection.
- At least one food worker with a food worker's card must be present in the booth during all times of operation.
- Each booth must have a handwashing station that includes:
 - An insulated container with a spigot that locks open
 - Soap, paper towels, and a waste bin
 - Hot water
- All water used at the event must come from an approved source, such as bottled water or a tap water from a public water system. Water from private homes is not allowed.
- Wastewater must be properly disposed of in a sanitary sewer. Disposal into storm drains or directly on the ground is not allowed.
- Restrooms must be located nearby and equipped with handwashing sinks that provide hot and cold running water. ***Portable toilets are not allowed unless accompanied by portable handwashing stations with hot water, soap, and paper towels.***

City of Yakima License

