

# Temporary Food Establishment

A Temporary Food Establishment (TFE) is a food establishment, which operates at a fixed location for a temporary period of time not to exceed 14 consecutive days.

## What are the rules and regulations regarding TFEs?

- An event that is advertised with fliers, banners, newspaper articles, radio or TV announcements, or by any other means, regardless of whether or not a fee is charged is considered a *Public Event*, and therefore. . . .

***Subject to the Sanitary Food Code requirements enforced by the Health Department***

However. . . .

Church gatherings, club or organizational meetings and private events that are for members ONLY, are NOT advertised and are FREE to attend, are *not considered public events*

To determine if your event qualifies as a TFE, ask yourself. . . .

Is your event open to the public?

- Are you advertising your event (on the radio or TV, with fliers or banners, in the newspaper)?
- Are you selling tickets to attend the food event?
- Are you planning to sell food and/or beverages?
  - A yes answer to any of the above question

***You will need a TFE permit***

To obtain a Temporary Food Establishment Permit Application Packet, please stop by the **New Bedford Health Department, 1213 Purchase Street, New Bedford.**

If you have questions, please call 508-991-6199

Completed applications should be submitted .....

***No less than 14 days prior to the event date.***

\* The Temporary Food Event permit fee for a one-day event is \$75.00. A \$25.00 fee will be assessed for each additional day up to 14 days effective Feb 16, 2012. \*

Prior to issuing a permit the Regulatory Authority is responsible for performing a pre-operational operational plan review and site inspection to determine if the establishment is safe and sanitary.