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## **VENDOR INFORMATION**



## Queen City of the Rio Grande Valley <u>SANITARY REQUIREMENTS FOR TEMPORARY FOOD BOOTHS</u>

The City of Mercedes Health Department has released the following guidelines for persons or organizations planning to operate temporary food or drinking stands;

- 1. All potentially hazardous foods (milk products, eggs, meats, poultry, fish, shellfish, etc.) must be maintained at an internal temperature of 45° or below when stored in cold storage and 140° or above when stored in hot temperatures at all times.
- 2. Adequate equipment must be provided to maintain potentially hazardous foods at required temperatures.
- 3. All potentially hazardous foods must be protected from potential contamination, including dust, insects, rodents, unclean equipment and utensils.
- 4. A hair retainer must be used by all food handlers such as hair nets, hats, scarves, etc.
- 5. Minimize the handling of all foods by using utensils, plastics gloves, etc.
- 6. All equipment and utensils must be properly washed and sanitized after being used
- 7. Do not store or place anything in ice that will be used for human consumption. An ice scoop must be provided for handling the ice.
- 8. Good personal hygiene practices must be followed.
- 9. A waste receptacle must be provided with a tight cover lid and must be kept covered when not in constant use.
- 10. Only authorized personnel must be permitted to handle all foods.
- 11. Enough potable water with a sanitizing solution shall be available for hand washing.
- 12. Sufficient clean water with some chlorine must be available for rinsing any utensil or equipment when necessary.
- 13. The grounds shall be kept clear of any vegetation.