



Food Stand Licensing Guidance

Introduction:

The City of St. Cloud has three types of food stand licenses: special event, seasonal temporary and seasonal permanent. Each license requires a plan review of the food sources, menu, equipment used for storing, preparing and serving food, utensils, layout, anticipated volume of products to be stored, prepared and sold, cleaning and sanitizing procedures and storage location of the stand when not in use.

Examples of Food/Beverage Services that require licensure:

- Cooking, and extensive hot and cold holding (cheese curds)
- Prepackaged, nonperishables (snack foods/beverages) or packaged confections (packaged ice cream treats)
- Minimal food preparation and reheating (hot dogs)
- Selling whole produce (not from your farm)

Application process:

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED AT LEAST 14 DAYS PRIOR TO FIRST EVENT.

Special Event Food Stand- \$52. These are stands that operate 1-4 days at same event.

Seasonal Temporary Food Stand- Require plan review which depending on the menu will be classified as Full food service \$171 or Limited food service \$118. The license fee is the same as the plan review fee.

These are food/beverage stands which disassemble and move from location to location, and operate no more than 21 days annually at any one event.

Seasonal Permanent Food Stand- Require plan review which depending on the menu will be classified as Full food service \$171 or Limited food service \$118. The license fee is the same as the plan review fee.

These are food and beverage service which are permanent structures with plumbing and electricity, and operate no more than 21 days annually.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Do I need to license my food stand to sell my homemade cookies?

Not necessarily, if your operating under a Farmers Market exemption with at least 3 or more people gathered to sell exempted items then no license is needed. Otherwise, a license is required and the cookies must be made onsite.

Can I use a crock pot?

Only if operating as a Special Event Food Stand.

Do I need mechanical cold or hot hold equipment?

Yes, any time event is more than 4 hours. All leftovers are required to be discarded, not served to customers.

