



# TULARE COUNTY FOOD PERMITS

PERMIT	WHAT IT ALLOWS YOU TO DO	1 <sup>st</sup> STEP TO OBTAIN PERMIT
Restaurant/Retail Facility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allows for food sales at a permanent food facility with permanent floors walls and ceiling</li> <li>• Allows sales of open food and prepackaged food</li> <li>• Food may be prepackaged on site and sold on site if properly labeled</li> <li>• Food prepackaged on site may NOT be sold to a facility at a different location</li> <li>• Allows food preparation for caterers and TFF vendors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All equipment is already installed(i.e. a change of ownership) → <b>submit</b> a completed <a href="#">Food Health Permit Application</a> → and <b>request a consultation</b></li> <li>• If equipment has <u>not</u> been purchased/ construction is required → <b>submit 2-sets of plans</b> for review</li> <li>• Plan review is completed within 20 working days</li> </ul>
Commissary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permanent facility required for food preparation and/ or service of a mobile food facility</li> <li>• Can be an addendum permit to a restaurant or retail facility</li> <li>• Allows food preparation for mobiles, caterers, TFF vendors as well</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• →<b>submit</b> a completed <a href="#">Food Health Permit Application</a> →and <b>request a consultation</b></li> </ul>
Mobile Food Unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sell food at any location in Tulare County</li> <li>• If operating in one location for more than 1 hour a completed/signed restroom form must be submitted (commercial restroom must be within 200 feet of mobile food unit)</li> <li>• Sell food at private events</li> <li>• Sell food at community events <b>ONLY AFTER</b> submitting a completed vendor application to the organizer of the event</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mobile is already built/ all equipment is already installed(i.e. a change of ownership/bought used) → <b>submit</b> a completed <a href="#">Food Health Permit Application</a> → and <b>request a consultation</b></li> <li>• If equipment has not been purchased/ construction is required → <b>submit plans for review</b></li> <li>• Plan review is completed within 20 working days</li> </ul>
Temporary Food Multi Event-Annual Vendor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sell food at community events <b>ONLY AFTER</b> submitting a completed vendor application to the organizer of the event</li> <li>• Does <b>NOT</b> allow sales of any food/ beverages at any location other than a permitted community food event</li> <li>• Does <b>NOT</b> allow sales of any food/ beverages at a Host Facility</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• →<b>Submit</b> a completed <a href="#">Food Vendor Application</a></li> </ul> <p>*Application review is completed within 10 working days</p>
Caterer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sell food at private events</li> <li>• Sell food at community events <b>ONLY AFTER</b> submitting a completed vendor application to the organizer of the event</li> <li>• Sell food at a permitted Host Facility</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• →<b>Submit</b> a completed <a href="#">Catering Application</a></li> </ul> <p>*Application review is completed within 10 working days</p>

Host Facility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allows for caterers to sell in a pop-up type set up within 200 feet.</li> <li>• Must be a commercial building</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• →Submit plans complete with all items detailed in the <a href="#">Host Facility-Plan Check Process</a> guidance document</li> </ul> <p>*Plan review is completed within 20 working days</p>
Cottage Food	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation and prepackaging of low risk, non-perishable foods (bread, candy, cookies, cupcakes etc.) at a home kitchen</li> <li>• Prepackaged food may be delivered to or picked up by customers</li> <li>• All orders must be made prior to customer arriving at the home</li> <li>• Prepackaged food may be sold at permitted community events</li> <li>• Does <b>NOT</b> allow the set up of a table in front yard</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• →Submit a <a href="#">Cottage Food application</a> complete with all items detailed in the Cottage Food Permitting Requirements guidance document</li> </ul> <p>*Application review is completed within 10 working days</p>
Produce/ prepackaged food-Swap Meets Only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sell whole, uncut produce and prepackaged non-perishable foods at Swap Meets</li> <li>• Does <b>NOT</b> allow handling of <b>ANY</b> open food</li> <li>• Does <b>NOT</b> allow sales of any food/ beverages community events</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• →Submit a completed <a href="#">Health Permit Application</a></li> </ul> <p>*Application review is completed within 10 working days</p>
Produce/NPH food dispensing swap meets only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sell whole, uncut produce and prepackaged non-perishable foods at Swap Meets</li> <li>• Bulk dispense(scoop) non-perishable foods at Swap Meets</li> <li>• Does <b>NOT</b> allow sales of any food/ beverages community events</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• →Submit a completed <a href="#">Food Health Permit Application</a></li> </ul> <p>*Application review is completed within 10 working days</p>
Seasonal Vendor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allows to for preparation of non-perishable food inside a fully enclosed food booth or building for a sixth month seasonal period</li> <li>• Must be a single location</li> <li>• Location must be a non-residential property</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• →Submit a completed <a href="#">Food Vendor Application</a></li> </ul> <p>*Application review is completed within 10 working days</p>

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