

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT
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GUIDELINES FOR FOOD VENDORS AT FLEA MARKETS

- 1) Any vendor wishing to sell any quantity of raw or processed edible substance must possess a permit from the City of Grand Prairie Environmental Services Department. Only commercially pre-packaged food products and raw agricultural products may be offered by itinerant vendors. **No potentially hazardous foods (meat, eggs, and dairy) may be offered unless approved mechanical temperature holding devices are provided. Ice chests cannot be approved as temperature holding devices.**
- 2) Permits shall be valid only at the designated flea market. Permits are non-transferable and are valid for one (1) year from date of issuance. **Fees are \$200 per year.**
- 3) Applications may be made Monday through Friday at the City of Grand Prairie Development Center-201 NW 2nd St., Suite 100, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Allow 24 hours for processing of applications. Vendors must submit sample labels or counter cards for all foods except produce in its raw state.
- 4) All foods must come from an approved source. **FOOD PREPARED IN A HOME SHALL NOT BE USED OR OFFERED FOR SALE.**
- 5) All food products shall be stored at least six (6) inches off the ground.
- 6) Packaged food or bulk food products must be properly labeled in English. Each package or bulk product module must have labels, signs, or counter cards with the following information:
 - A. Name of the product;
 - B. List of ingredients in proper order of predominance and a declaration of artificial color or flavor and chemical preservatives if there are any in the product;
 - C. Weight or count; and
 - D. Name and address of the manufacturer, packer or distributor.
- 7) All bulk food products shall be dispensed using scoops or tongs.
- 8) Handles of scoops or tongs may not come into contact with food.
- 9) Bulk foods shall be dispensed only from product modules that are protected by close fitting, individual covers.
- 10) Bulk food returned by the customer shall not be offered for resale.
- 11) All bulk food vendors must have an awning, canopy, or covered booth that extends over all product modules.
- 12) All scales shall be certified as accurate by the Texas Department of Agriculture and shall bear a current seal of that office.
- 13) No food products can be manipulated or processed at the flea market unless all requirements of a food establishment have been provided.