Temporary food establishment permitting is conducted by TRHD environmental health staff. Each food vendor at an event must make application with Toe River Health District (TRHD) at least fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the event. An application includes a Temporary Food Establishment (TFE) Vendor Application(s) and a $75.00 fee for each proposed TFE permit. Both the TFE Application(s) and required fee(s) must be received by Avery, Mitchell, or Yancey County Health Department at least fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the event, or the application shall be denied. This application process is required by North Carolina Rules Governing the Food Protection and Sanitation of Food Establishments 15A NCAC 18A .2600 and therefore any application and/or fee received after the deadline shall be denied. Vendors preparing food that do not fall under local health department jurisdiction, non-profit or otherwise exempt agencies should complete the TRHD Exempt Food Application and submit it at least 15 days prior to the event.

**Useful Link:**

*NC DHHS DPH EHS Food Protection Program*

**Applicable Rules:**

*North Carolina Public Health Law G.S. 130A*

*15A NCAC 18A .1700 Rules Governing Protection of Water Supplies*

*15A NCAC 18A .2600 Rules Governing Food Protection & Sanitation of Food Establishments*

*N.C. Food Code Manual*

*North Carolina Food Code Annexes*

**Forms:**

*TRHD Exempt Food Application*

*TRHD Temporary Food Establishment Application*

*TRHD Temporary Food Establishment Checklist*

If you have questions about opening a facility in Toe River Health District, please see the *Frequently Asked Questions* page. If you have additional questions about permitting or inspections, please contact your local health department.