

Policy Regarding Itinerant Vendor Permits

Definition: (13-401) ITINERANT RESTAURANT - A one-time operation for a temporary period (not to exceed 7 days) in connection with a specific fair, carnival, circus, public exhibition, church, civic or other similar gathering.

Present Practice:

Itinerant Restaurant Permits are required when food is offered by individuals or businesses that do not have a City of Reading Health Permit during events that have been permitted by Traffic Enforcement.

If only City of Reading businesses are selling food no Itinerant Permit is required.

The Itinerant Restaurant Permit is issued to the agency or group that is sponsoring the event. An Itinerant Application is to be filled out and a fee of \$270 is collected.

In addition to the Itinerant Restaurant Permit a Health Permit is required of all individuals and businesses selling food.

Those individuals or businesses that do not have a City of Reading Health Permit or a health permit issued by the Dept of Agriculture or another municipality need to apply for a City of Reading Health Permit. In order to be issued a Health Permit the person must fill out a vendor application and provide information on the form plus a list of items for sale. An application fee of \$50.00 only will be charged. If the person does not hold a health permit from the Dept of Agriculture or other municipality the person can only sell prepackaged food unless the food is cooked in a commercial kitchen or in a properly fitted vending unit. No home style grills are allowed.