



**CHANGES TO TEMPORARY, SEASONAL, AND MOBILE FOOD SERVICE PERMITS -  
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026**

Seasonal, Mobile, and Temporary Food Service Vendors who operate out of an approved commissary will no longer be required to obtain a permit for each event. Instead, **Annual Temporary Permits** will allow vendors to operate at locations throughout Lake County (except locations regulated by the East Chicago and Gary Health Departments) for the calendar year and **Seasonal Temporary Permits** will allow operation for six continuous months during the calendar year. These permits must be posted in your booth or trailer at all times.

This will include operation at festivals and farmers markets as well as other locations. If you plan to set up at a location that is not part of an event registered with the Lake County Health Department, you must ensure that you have written permission from the owner of the property where you will be operating (this can be submitted to the Lake County Health Department but the operator must also have a copy available at the location) and that you are in compliance with all rules of the city or town. A Lake County Health Department Permit will not allow you to operate if you do not have these.

<b>Annual Temporary Permit</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>
<b>Seasonal Temporary Permit</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>

Single Event Temporary Permits will remain available for those who need them. Fees are **\$20.00 per day with a maximum of \$100.00 per event**.

All **temporary vendors are required to have a commissary** (exemptions may be requested from the Lake County Health Department and must be reviewed approved prior to issuing a permit). No permits will be issued without a properly completed application, fee and all required documentation.

Although we hope to have online permit applications available later this year, permits can only be submitted by mail or in person at this time.

**Permits must be obtained seven days prior to an event.**

If you have any questions, please contact our office at 219-755-3664 or [andersb@lakecountyin.org](mailto:andersb@lakecountyin.org).