

# Dare County Board of Health & Human Services

## Rules Governing Free Standing Restaurant Establishments

### Section One: Purpose

In order to protect the public from the potential for disease transmission from unsanitary food handling conditions, the following rule has been adopted:

### Section Two: Rule

Any free-standing food establishment that sells or handles food products that are not single-serve, pre-packaged items and any free-standing food establishments that are not exempt under NCGD130A-2350 (i.e. snow cones, shaved ice or similar products) must meet the following minimum standards:

Septic: There must be an approved septic system serving the property.

Water: There must be an approved water supply.

Building: Interior finishes, floors, walls and ceiling finishes must be smooth, non-absorbent and easy to clean.

Doors & Windows: Doors must be self-closing. Windows, doors and pass through areas must be screened.

Lighting: There must be at least 50 foot candles of light.

Sinks: There must be:

- 1) Free-standing sinks with drain boards (NSF 18" x 22").
- 2) Mop sinks (fiberglass) or can wash facility.
- 3) Hand washing lavatory with hot and cold water, sanitary towels or approved temperature hand-drying device and soap.

Hot Water: Hot water heater must be piped to all sinks, lavatories and can wash. Hot water heater must produce a minimum of 25 gallons per hour.

Equipment: There must be equipment necessary to carry out the operation (e.g. refrigerator, freezer, sinks, stoves, etc.)

Permit: Pre-opening inspection is required. Permit is valid for one (1) year or until December 31 of the year of permit.

Inspections: Required at least one time each year. A grade card must be posted in a conspicuous place that can be observed by customers.

Revoking Permit: Permit can be revoked at any time if products are not being handled in a safe and sanitary manner.


### Section Three: Effective Date

Adopted this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014.

Signed : \_\_\_\_\_  


Brant Murray, Chair

Dare County Board of Health & Human  
Services

Signed : \_\_\_\_\_  


Jay Burrus, Director

Dare County Department of Health &  
Human Services



**County of Dare**

**Department of Health & Human Services**

P.O. Box 669 | Manteo, NC 27954

Health 252.475.5003 | Social Services 252.475.5500 | [darenc.com](http://darenc.com)