Austin FoodWise Quarterly

Food Safety 24/7. . .

Environmental Health Services Division

Spring 2012

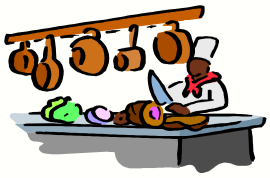
Monthly Food Safety Training*, 3-4:30 p.m. @ *1520 Rutherford LN, Building One, STE 200

Registration Required to ensure space availability: 512-978-0300 or ECHU.service@austintexas.gov

April 17, 2012-Starting a Food Enterprise
May 22, 2012-Food Handler Registration & Food Manager Certification Processes
June 19, 2012-Regulatory Inspection Process

The City of Austin Health Inspector's make every attempt to educate while on inspection, however, sometimes questions arise after the inspector is gone. The Environmental Health Services Division offers a complaint/request line that is manned by a Health Inspector, during business hours, in order to give any person in the community a chance to call for clarification on food safety rules and regulations.

Contact us at 512-978-0300 or by email at ECHU.Service@austintexas.gov



RECENT FOOD CODE CHANGES

Prominently Post Operating Permit: City Code 10-3-62

(A) A permit holder or person in charge of a food enterprise shall post a permit required by this chapter in a prominent public location clearly visible to the general public and to patrons. A permit is clearly visible to the general public and to patrons if it is:

(1) posted in the front window of the enterprise within 5 feet of the front door; or

(2) posted in a display case mounted on outside front wall of the enterprise within 5 feet of the front door; or

(3) posted on the drive-through menu board of a drive-through enterprise, in addition to posting in locations (1) and (2) of this section; or

(4) if the food enterprise is operated in a space that prevents posting the permit as required in (A)(1) through (3), the permit shall be posted in the initial patron contact area, on the menu board or counter of the enterprise, or in a location determined by the health authority to ensure proper notice to the general public and patrons.

Food Handlers Registration: City Code 10-3-34

Except as provided in Subsections (B) and (I), a person employed or volunteering at a food enterprise shall register as a food handler It is unlawful for the person to be employed or volunteer at the food enterprise without a valid food handler registration.

(B) The requirements of this section do not apply to:

(1) a nonprofit organization that serves food only to members of the organization;

(2) a food processing plant that is inspected at least once each week by a state or federal food sanitation inspector or that only stores prepackaged food that is not potentially hazardous;

(3) a mobile food establishment that offers only prepackaged food, if a certified food manager is in charge at a central preparation facility that supplies the products for the vending machine or mobile food establishment; or

(4) a temporary event; or

(5) a person who verifies by affidavit that he or she does not ever work with unpackaged food, food equipment or utensils, or food contact surfaces.

(I) A person operating a food enterprise shall ensure every employee or volunteer who is not exempt pursuant to Section (B) above has a current food handler registration. Upon request by the health authority, a person operating a food enterprise shall provide a list of all food handlers at the enterprise along with a signed statement verifying the listed persons possess current food handler registrations.

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