

# A Overview of Temporary Food Permits

CITY OF SAINT LOUIS 2020



## CHOOSING A TEMPORARY FOOD PERMIT

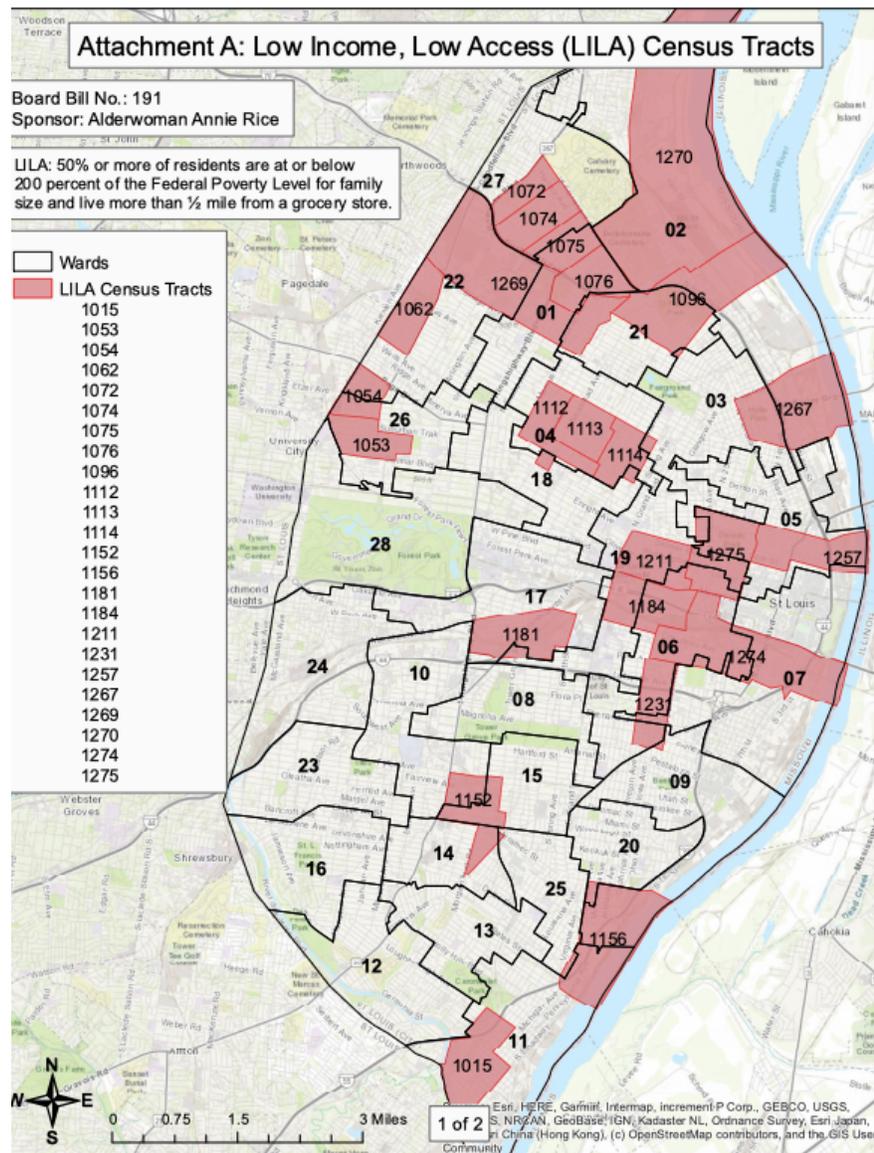
The City of St. Louis passed Ordinance 71106 in March of 2020 to enhance the equity of the temporary food permit process and create five new temporary food permits. These additions promote the sale of nutritious food as well as food access in low income low access neighborhoods. The following is an overview of each of the temporary food permits which includes fees, the permitted number of days of operation, and requirements for operating under each permit.

### LILA COMMUNITY PERMIT

- Low Income, Low Access: census tracts where residents are more than ½ mile from a grocery store and 50% or more of the population are at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level
- Fee: \$25 per day for sponsor and \$5 per day for additional vendors
- No limit on the number of days of operation
- LILA Community Temporary Food Permit applicants are required to sell nutritious food only and encouraged to provide food that is raised within 50 miles of the LILA census tract location where it is being sold. LILA permit applicants are required to live in the LILA census tract where they intent to sell food.
- LILA Food Permit holders are required to participate in a “Temporary Food Safety Training Program”
  - The trained permit holder is required to be on site during the period in which food is sold.

### CHARITABLE FEEDING PERMIT

- A charitable feeding permit is a temporary food permit that is obtained if the applicant is giving away all food without any charge.
- Fee: \$25 per day overall sponsor and \$5 each additional vendor or \$25 per day if only one vendor
- Permit is renewable for each event day
- Permit holders are required to participate in “Temporary Food Safety Program”
  - The trained permit holder is required to be on site during the period in which food is sold.



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## FARMERS' MARKET PERMIT

- The applicant sells agricultural products with two or more farm vendors directly to customers at a common, recurrent physical location any time, when the applicant is not eligible for a LILA Community Temporary Food Permit.
- Fee: \$350 for event organizer, \$100 for each additional vendor
- Permit required regardless of whether samples of food items are provided to potential customers.
- Farmers Market Temporary Food Permit holders are also required to participate in a "Temporary Food Safety Training Program"
  - The trained permit holder is required to be on site during the period in which food is sold.

## SPONSORED PERMIT

- The applicant is a sponsor of an event where there are at least 5 vendors; all vendors must have a current permanent food establishment annually renewable permit (in the City of St. Louis or another local jurisdiction within 50 miles of the City of St. Louis) or a Traditional Temporary Food Permit.
- Permit holders are required to participate in a "Temporary Food Safety Training Program"
  - The trained permit holder is required to be on site during the period in which food is sold.

## SPECIALTY FOOD PERMIT

- Includes popcorn, shaved ice, lemonade, and other low risk foods
- Fee: \$100 annually
- No limit on the number of days of operation
- Permit is renewable annually
- Permit holders are required to participate in "Temporary Food Safety Program"
  - The trained permit holder is required to be on site during the period in which food is sold.

## COTTAGE FOOD WAIVER

- A Cottage Food Waiver is necessary when the applicant is operating out of a person's residential home, using a kitchen and appliances designed for common residential usage, that produces a baked good, canned jam or jelly, or a dried herb or herb mix for sale at the individual's home, selling only directly to consumers.
- Covers non-potentially hazardous goods, which are foods without time and temperature sensitivity
- No fee
- Renewable annually
- Cottage Food Waiver holders are also required to participate in a "Temporary Food Safety Training Program"
  - The trained permit holder is required to be on site during the period in which food is sold.

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## TRADITIONAL TEMPORARY FOOD PERMIT

- This permit is obtained if the applicant doesn't qualify for one of the other temporary food permits set forth above.
- The applicant is limited to operating a temporary food establishment for no more than fourteen (14) days in any calendar year.
- Fee: \$50 per day per vendor
- Permit holders are also required to participate in a "Temporary Food Safety Training Program"
  - The trained permit holder is required to be on site during the period in which food is sold.

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