

FOOD SERVICE POLICY FOR ENTITIES PROVIDING FOOD DURING DECLARED EMERGENCIES

WHEREAS it is impractical for food service relief entities such as Red Cross/ Southern Baptist Church/ Salvation Army to seek a food license in the first stages of a declared emergency.

WHEREAS it is more important for food being served to emergency victims, first response, and volunteers be safe versus the importance of collecting a food license fee, and

WHEREAS entities that are Fraternal, Benevolent, or Non-Profit Charitable (FBN) organizations which do not prepare or serve food on a “regular” basis are **not** included in the definition of a “Food Establishment”. Regular basis shall be defined as a period not to exceed five (5) consecutive days.

IT IS HEREBY AGREED THAT:

1. EIPHD will not require a food license for FBN or similar organizations during declared emergencies. This allowance is only for those entities not charging a fee for the food.

2. EIPHD inspection staff will provide education to entities providing food service and verifying all aspects of their operation are protective of human health and safety.

3. EIPHD will enforce the Idaho Food Code (IFC) regulations when inspecting entities that collect a fee for food. . If enforcement actions are needed, EIPHD will follow existing enforcement policies.

4. Operations lasting longer than five (5) consecutive days will be evaluated by EIPHD’s Board of Health to determine if a food license is necessary.

This agreement shall be in effect from the date of its approval.