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Foodservice Establishment Information Sheet

Basic Food Handler Classes

The City of Pearland requires you to be certified in the basics of food handling per the City's ordinance. Upon inspection of your establishment, you will be required to provide proof of completion of a basic food handler course approved by the State of Texas.

Certified Food Manager (CFM) Texas Food Establishment Rules 228.33, and 25 TAC §229.177(b).

At least one person that has supervisory and management responsibility and the authority to direct and control food preparation and service shall be a certified food protection manager who has shown proficiency of required information through passing a test that is part of an accredited program. The individual must be a member of management or a supervisor.

A certified food protection manager shall be present at the food establishment during all hours of operation as required in Food Code, §2-101.11 and §2-102.12.

A list of programs for Basic Food Handler and for Certified Food Manager (CFM) can be found on the Texas Department of State Health Services website at dshs.state.tx.us/foodestablishments.

Basic Food Handler courses are approximately 1-2 hours in length and Certified Food Manager courses are approximately 8-16 hours in length. Costs of these courses vary depending on the program.

If you have questions, please contact the City of Pearland Health/Code Officer at gruiz@pearlandtx.gov or at 281.652.1758. You can also contact the Texas Department of State Health Services. This department offers information regarding foodservice establishments and regulates CFM requirements. The Department of State Health Services, Environmental and Consumer Safety Section, Food Establishments Group is located at 1100 West 49th Street, Austin, Texas 78757. They can be reached via phone at 512.834.6753 or at dshs.state.tx.us/foodestablishments.