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Brown County Food Establishments Annual License Renewal

The term for a Brown County food establishment license is from January 1st to December 31st.

Please do not attempt to renew your license before January 2nd.

We cannot accept payments until January 2nd. You have until January 31st to pay for your license, unless your operation is seasonal. If you are a seasonal operation, you must **license PRIOR to opening.**

There are two ways to renew your license;

1. Call into the office with a credit or debit card (3% charge to do this). **You will still need to send us your license application, OR**
2. Fill out the enclosed licensing application form and return it to our office by January 31st. We can accept cash, check or money order. Credit Card or Debit card has a 3% fee. You can mail it or deliver this application form and payment in person at the Brown County Health Department.

Fees have not changed since last year. If you are late in paying for your license you will incur a **10% per day late fee.** Pay before January 31st unless you are a seasonal operation. We reserve the right to deny payment by check.

The following information is from the Indiana State Department of Health concerning the new Food Code to be implemented in 2024;

The Indiana Department of Health Food Protection Division recently announced its intent to publish an interim Retail Food Establishment, 410 IAC 7-26 regulations by summer 2024. (in other words, a New Food Code). The proposed new code is based on the 2022 Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Model Food Code and will replace the current 410 IAC 7-24 once it takes effect. Regulation changes will be communicated to facilities and operators through partner trade associations and local health departments. More information will be available at <https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/retail> by spring 2024.

The Indiana Department of Health's Food Protection Division is responsible for safeguarding public health by ensuring the safety and integrity of the food supply within the state. This division plays a crucial role in regulating and monitoring food-related establishments and food processing facilities.

Questions, contact the Brown County Health Department at 812-988-2255
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