REPORT OF HEALTH INSPECTIONS AT OCTOBERFEST 2015 AND LICENSE TO CRUISE 2015

This year, there were 100 foodstand inspections and 9 re-inspections conducted by the Health Department during License to Cruise and Octoberfest. Eleven (11) foodstand inspections were conducted at License to Cruise. Eighty nine (89) non-profit foodstand inspections were conducted at Octoberfest.

Of the 100 stands that were inspected this year, 69 foodstands had *no violations* at the time of the inspection (69%). There were a total of 28 violations recorded at 20 foodstands during Octoberfest and 12 violations found at 5 foodstands at License to Cruise.

For comparison, in 2014 there were 95 foodstand inspections and 2 re-inspections conducted during License to Cruise and Octoberfest. Eighty one (81) foodstands had no violations at the time of the inspection (85%). There were a total of 16 violations recorded at 12 of the foodstands at Octoberfest. Four foodstand inspections were conducted at License to Cruise with two (2) violations found at 2 foodstands at License to Cruise.

Of the points that are checked during an inspection, some items are critical and some are non-critical, but all have a potential impact on the health and safety of the general public. A breakdown of violations found at this year's events are listed below.

There were:

- 10 notices of non-compliance with hand washing (lack of hand wash facilities or soap and toweling, improper facilities, inadequate hand washing frequency).
- 6 notice of non-compliance with hot food storage temperatures (<135 degrees).
- 7 notices of non-compliance with cold food storage temperatures (>41 degrees).
- 9 notices of inadequate spare utensils on hand.
- 1 notice of non-compliance with food thermometers (the wrong type).
- 1 notice of non-compliance with bare hand contact with food
- 1 notice of foodstand construction/screening
- 1 notices of improper condiment dispensing (community bowls)
- 2 notices of cross contamination
- 2 notices of miscellaneous violations

The Octoberfest Board requires attendance at one of two scheduled vendor-training meetings in order to participate in the event. This year, there were about 260 people present at the training meetings. No organizations failed to have a representative attend a training meeting, so they were all allowed to participate in Octoberfest.

In addition to the food service training and Weights & Measures requirements that are presented by the Health Department, the Police and Fire Departments, as well as the Octoberfest personnel, relay other important information to the vendors during these meetings.