

Attention Food Handlers

Effective October 1, 2005, the Mobile County Board of Health adopted revisions to the *Permit Requirements for Food Handlers*. This document is now called *Permit Requirements for Food and Beverage Handlers and Food Establishment Managers in Mobile County, #66-1*. The revisions require that all persons (owners and managers included) who are 19 years of age or older and serving alcoholic beverages on premises, must have valid Food and Beverage Handler Permits issued by the Department of Food and Lodging.

Alcoholic beverage handlers are required to take the Food and Beverage Handler course at the time their current Food Handler Permits expire. All food service personnel employed in or owning or managing an establishment serving alcoholic beverages to be consumed on the premises must obtain Food and Beverage Handler Permits.

The fee for the Food and Beverage Handler Permit will be \$20 (twenty dollars) and the permit will be valid for two years from the date of issue.

Beginning February 6, 2006, this permit may be obtained at the Mobile County Health Department in Building 6 on Mondays and Fridays. Classes will be held at 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM. The class lasts approximately two hours.

Valid identification must be presented at the time of application for the permit. Only state issued driver's licenses, military I.D. cards, passports or state issued non-driver's picture I.D. cards will be considered valid. The Beverage Handler Permit will only be valid when signed by the person identified.

The permit must be signed and kept on the person to whom it is issued. The person in charge must keep a **copy** of each employee's permit on the premises.

Anyone possessing a valid Food Handler Permit who wishes to upgrade to the Beverage Handler Permit before their Food Handler Permit expires may do so by attending the Beverage Handler portion only of the class and paying a \$5 (five-dollar) fee. The Food and Beverage Permit will expire on the original date of expiration for the Food Handler Permit.

Cash only will be accepted.

The Food and Beverage Handler Permit does not take the place of the Responsible Vendor program offered by the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

For further information please call (251) 690-8116 or go to mobilecountyhealth.org on the Internet.