



**2020 Summer Food Program Waiver Request
First Week Visit Requirement (7 CFR 225.15 (d)(2))**

1. Sponsor submitting waiver request and responsible staff contact information:

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2. Region:

East Tennessee

3. East Tennessee Human Resource Agency is in good standing.

4. Description of the challenge the sponsor is seeking to solve, the goal of the waiver to improve services under the Program, and the expected outcomes if the waiver is granted.

The amount of time involved and the increased expense of travel will pose a challenge. The sponsor will be able to use the time and expense for other aspects of the Summer Food Program. ETHRA foresees an improvement in services by using the time saved from doing additional first week visits to provide more training for potential new sites and will also be able to conduct additional monitoring visits to sites that may need some additional assistance. The expense saved on travel can be used towards promotion of the program in general in the large area that ETHRA serves during the summer.

5. Specific Program requirements to be waived (include statutory and regulatory citations). [Section 12(I)(2)(A)(i) of the NSLA]

ETHRA is requesting to waive program regulations at 7 CFR 225.15(d)(2) regarding first week visits. Regulation will require all sponsored sites to be visited during their first week of operation.

ETHRA is requesting a waiver for the first week site visit requirement. ETHRA is seeking a waiver to complete site revisits for returning sites that operated successfully during the previous summer without serious deficiencies. ETHRA has successfully operated the Summer Food Program for over 30 years and is in good standing.

6. Detailed description of alternative procedures and anticipated impact on Program operations, including technology, state systems and monitoring:

ETHRA does not anticipate any impact on the Program operations, including technology, state systems and monitoring.

7. Description of any steps taken to address regulatory barriers at the state level. [Section 12(I)(2)(A)(ii) of the NSLA]

The regulatory barriers for this provision are at the Federal level

8. Anticipated challenges sponsor may face with the waiver implementation:

The sponsor does not anticipate any challenges with implementing this waiver, as it was in place for the previous year's SFSP Program without challenges.

9. Description of how the waiver will not increase the overall cost of the Program to the Federal Government. If there are anticipated increases, confirm that the costs will be paid from the non-Federal funds.

[Section 12(I)(1)(A)(iii) of the NSLA]

The sponsor does not anticipate any this waiver increasing the overall cost of the Program to the Federal Government, as it was in place for the previous year's SFSP program without increased cost.

10. Anticipated waiver implementation date and time period:

SFSP 2020: May 2020-August 2020

11. Proposed monitoring and review procedures:

SFSP sites will be monitored and reviewed as part of the normal SFSP program monitoring schedule. Approved SFSP sites and meal times will be listed in the SFSP application system.

12. Proposed reporting requirements.

ETHRA will provide the state agency a list of all SFSP sites participating in the waiver.

13. Link to or a copy of the public notice informing the public about the proposed waiver [Section 12(I)(1)(A)(ii) of the NSLA]

<https://www.ethra.org/programs/37/summer-food/>

14. Signature and title of requesting official:



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