**TOWN OF HOOKERTON**

**303 Main St.**

**Hookerton, NC 28538**

**HomeTown Celebration Barbeque Sandwich Eating Contest**

The Barbeque Sandwich Eating Contest will commence at 7:00 p.m. Contestants should bring a valid ID and check in with officials thirty (30) minutes prior to listed start time. Anyone who fails to comply shall forfeit his/her right to participate, and alternate participants may be selected from the event’s attendees.

ELIGIBILITY: Contestant must be 18 years of age or older to enter. The contest is open to amateurs only, and will be a time, one round competition. The contestant that eats the most barbeque sandwiches (confirmed by judge) in 5 minutes, will be declared the winner of the contest. Each participant must pay a $5.00 fee (which is non-refundable) to enter.

TO ENTER: Registrants must submit a completed entry form, read and sign a waiver of liability and pay the appropriate fee. Deadline for registration is Thursday, May 3, 2018. Registration forms and fees must be received at the Hookerton Town Office by 5 p.m. on the date stated. (Mail or bring forms to the address shown at the top of this page)

**CONTEST RULES**

* The object is to eat as many Morris Barbeque sandwiches as you can in five (5) minutes.
* Contestants may sit or stand while eating in their designated space.
* Contestants may drink any non-alcoholic beverage of choice while eating. One (1) bottle of water will be supplied.
* Contestants must wait for the starting signal to begin eating and may not touch any sandwiches prior to that signal.
* Contestants must immediately place their hands down on the table or at their side at the ending signal.
* Contestants may not put additional portions in their mouth after the ending signal but will be allowed 30 seconds to swallow any barbeque remaining in their mouth.
* If at any point during or immediately after contest, but PRIOR to awarding the winner a contestant vomits, he/she will be disqualified.
* Judges will be present to assure adherence to contest rules, tally the number of sandwiches eaten, and declare a winner. Contestants who do not adhere to the rules will be disqualified.
* The WINNER will be determined by the number of sandwiches eaten. Partially eaten sandwiches will NOT count.

A “TIE” will be decided by an “eat-off”, during an additional two (2) minute contest.

**PRIZE:** The contestant declared WINNER of contest will receive: $25.00 gift certificate to MORRIS BARBEQUE along with other unique gifts.

**GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION**:

False or incomplete entry form or liability waiver

Any health risks that could jeopardize the contestant’s health or well-being

Contestant believed to be under the influence of any substance

Appearance deemed inappropriate or excessively poor sportsmanship

Consuming sandwiches prior to signal or contributing to place food in mouth after ending a signal

Vomiting – whether during contest, or after the ending signal and before declaration of a winner.

**JUDGES DECISIONS ARE FINAL**

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