

# 1<sup>st</sup> STOP CHECKLIST: ASTROLOGICAL/ PSYCHIC CONSULTING

## REQUIREMENTS & REGULATIONS

- [] **You may not** use the word “Counselor” or offer “professional counseling for a fee” unless you are licensed as a counselor by Ohio’s Counselor and Social Worker Board. **You may**, however, use the words “Advisor” or “Consultant.” If you have questions about the use of the title “Counselor,” contact the Counselor and Social Worker Board at **(614) 466-0912**. Information and forms are also available on-line at <http://www.cswmft.ohio.gov/>. ***\*Remember to check local government agencies\****
  
- [] If you will make retail sales, you need a **VENDOR’S LICENSE** from **YOUR COUNTY AUDITOR**. ***\*Remember to check local government agencies\****
  
- [] If you will sell **food, herbs or beverages**, contact **your local health department** for licensing and inspection information ***\*Remember to check local government agencies\****
  
- [] If you will sell upholstered or stuffed items, contact the Ohio Department of Commerce’s Division of Industrial Compliance, Bedding and Upholstered Furniture Section for licensing information. They can be reached at **(614) 644-2223**. The Ohio Department of Commerce is on-line at [www.com.state.oh.us/dico/](http://www.com.state.oh.us/dico/). ***\*Remember to check local government agencies\****
  
- [] If you will offer **pay-per-call services** (services reached by dialing a 900-number), you must comply with the **Federal Trade Commission’s (FTC) 900-Number Rule**. For more information about the FTC’s 900-Number Rule, please contact the **FTC’s Cleveland Regional Office** at **(216) 263-3410**. You can also find the FTC on-line at [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov). ***\*Remember to check local government agencies\****
  
- [] The **Federal Communications Commission (FCC) (option 1)** also regulates pay-per-call services. For more information, please contact the FCC at **(888) 225-5322**. The FCC is also on-line at [www.fcc.gov](http://www.fcc.gov). ***\*Remember to check local government agencies\****
  
- [] If you will offer **pay-per-call services**, you will need a **VENDOR’S LICENSE** from the **OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION**. The tax is subject to the tax rate in effect in the consumer’s (caller’s) county. ***\*Remember to check local government agencies\****
  
- [] If you have questions about sales tax, contact the **OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION** can be reached at **(888) 405-4039** for **Business Taxpayer Assistance**; **(800) 282-1782** for the **Forms Request Line**; or **(888) 405-4089** for **Tax Registration**. Information is also on-line at <http://tax.ohio.gov>.

**For more help, contact your local Small Business Development Center (SBDC).**

[www.ohiosbdc.ohio.gov](http://www.ohiosbdc.ohio.gov)

**\*REMEMBER TO CHECK LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES\***

**THIS CHECKLIST IS ABOUT STATE REQUIREMENTS.**