REQUIREMENTS & REGULATIONS

[] Contact your local health department and the Ohio Department of Agriculture’s Division of Food Safety for inspection and permit information. The Division of Food Safety can be reached at (614) 728-6250 and is on-line at www.agri.ohio.gov. *Remember to check local government agencies*

[] Ohio’s food labeling and retail food safety rules can be found in Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 901:3 and 901:6-3-01 through 901:6-3-12.

[] Ohio’s Food, Drug, Cosmetic and Device law can be found in ORC Section 3715.

[] Detailed requirements for specific food and beverage production can also be found in OAC 901.

[] The ORC and OAC can be found in your local library or on-line at http://codes.ohio.gov/orc.

[] Weighing and measuring devices must be inspected. Contact the Ohio Department of Agriculture’s Division of Weights and Measures at (614) 728-6290 or YOUR COUNTY AUDITOR.

[] Contact the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for information about the proper disposal of hazardous and solid waste. The EPA can be reached at (614) 644-3020 for General Inquiries or (800) 329-7518 for the Small Business Hotline. The Ohio EPA is also on-line at www.epa.state.oh.us.

[] You must charge sales tax on retail sales, food sold and eaten on the premises of your business and beverages. You need a VENDOR’S LICENSE. Contact YOUR COUNTY AUDITOR or the OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION.

[] If you have questions about what or when food and beverage sales are taxable, contact the OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION at (888) 405-4039 for Business Tax Assistance; 888-405-4089 for Tax Registration; or (800) 282-1782 for the Forms Request Line. Information is also on-line at http://www.tax.ohio.gov.

[] If you will sell stuffed items such as toys, you must 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 and are on-line at http://www.com.state.oh.us/dico.

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

www.ohiosbdc.ohio.gov

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