REQUIREMENTS & REGULATIONS
Entertainment services include, but are not limited to, clowns, DJ services, bands, dancing, etc.

[] If you will provide catering services, you must have a catering food service operation license. Contact your local health department for license and inspection information. *Remember to check local government agencies.*

[] If you will serve alcoholic beverages, you must have the appropriate permit. Contact the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control at (800) 464-6677, or (614) 644-2360 for more information. Information is also on-line at www.com.ohio.gov/liqr/. *Remember to check local government agencies.*

[] If you will feature recorded or live music, you must have permission from the owner of the copyrighted material. You can do this by contacting The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP), or Broadcast Music, Incorporated (BMI). For more information, contact ASCAP at (800) 505-4052, or BMI at (212) 220-3000. Information is also on-line at www.ascap.com, or www.bmi.com.

[] If you will make retail sales, a VENDOR’S LICENSE is needed. Contact YOUR COUNTY AUDITOR.

[] 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. *Remember to check local government agencies.*

[] If you will provide nude or topless dancing, you should be aware of Ohio’s and your city or municipality’s laws. Information can be found in Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Sections 503.51-503.59 and 2907. The ORC can be found in your local library or on-line at http://codes.ohio.gov/orc.

For more help, contact your local Small Business Development Center (SBDC).
www.ohiosbdc.ohio.gov

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