

# 1st STOP CHECKLIST:

## MUSIC PROMOTER/PRODUCER

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- 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)** licenses the right to perform songs and musical works created and owned by the songwriters, composers, lyricists and music publishers who are ASCAP members and also those members of foreign performing rights organizations who are represented by ASCAP in the United States.); **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](http://www.ascap.com), or [www.bmi.com](http://www.bmi.com).
- The recording of music is not taxable. But, if you will make retail sales, you need a **VENDOR'S LICENSE**. For more information, contact [YOUR COUNTY AUDITOR](#) or the [OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION](#). Information is also on-line at <http://business.ohio.gov>.
- If you have questions about sales tax, 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>.
- Ohio's music producer laws and regulations can be found in **Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3352-7-09**.
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THIS CHECKLIST IS ABOUT STATE REQUIREMENTS. \*REMEMBER TO CHECK LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES\*

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