Radio & Television Broadcasting

Checklist

- ☐ Radio and television broadcasting systems must be licensed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Contact the FCC at (888) 225-5322. The FCC is on-line at www.fcc.gov.

- ☐ 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.

- ☐ Ohio's broadcasting over radio or television laws can be found in Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 101.76.

- ☐ The Ohio Revised Code and the Ohio Administrative Code can be found in your local library or on-line at http://codes.ohio.gov.

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For more help, contact your local Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at www.ohiosbdc.ohio.gov
Also, remember to check local government agencies. This checklist is about state requirements.
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