

1st STOP CHECKLIST: THEATRE/ THEATRICAL COMPANY

REQUIREMENTS & REGULATIONS

- [] “Theatrical exhibitions” are regulated by local or municipal authorities (**Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 715.48**). ****Remember to check local government agencies****

- [] Crowd safety measures at live entertainment performances and ticket sale laws can be found in **ORC Section 2917.40**. The ORC can be found in your local library and on-line at <http://codes.ohio.gov/orc>. ****Remember to check local government agencies****

- [] If you will sell food, contact the **local health department** for food service licensing information. ****Remember to check local government agencies****

- [] You must charge sales tax on food eaten on the premises of your business, beverages and retail sales. You need a **VENDOR’S LICENSE**. Contact **YOUR COUNTY AUDITOR**. Information is also on-line at <http://business.ohio.gov> ****Remember to check local government agencies****

- [] 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://tax.ohio.gov>. ****Remember to check local government agencies****

- [] If alcoholic beverages will be served, you must have the appropriate permits. Contact the **Ohio Department of Liquor Control** at **(614) 644-2360** for more information. Information is also on-line at <http://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 **ASCAP or BMI**. For more information, contact **ASCAP** at **(212) 621-6000** (www.ascap.com) or **BMI** at **(212) 220-3000** at (www.bmi.com). ****Remember to check local government agencies****

- [] Theatres, like all businesses, must comply with building codes established by the fire marshal, board of health, local building department, and the **Ohio Department of Commerce’s Division of Industrial Compliance**. ****Remember to check local government agencies****

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

www.ohiosbdc.ohio.gov

REMEMBER TO CHECK LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

THIS CHECKLIST IS ABOUT STATE REQUIREMENTS.