THEATRE / THEATRICAL COMPANY

Checklist

- ☐ “Theatrical exhibitions” are regulated by local or municipal authorities (Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 715.48).
- ☐ 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.
- ☐ If you will sell food, contact the local health department for food service licensing information.
- ☐ 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.
- ☐ 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.
- ☐ 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/.
- ☐ 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 or BMI at (212) 220-3000 (www.bmi.com).
- ☐ 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.

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