



COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE • COMMUNITY HEALTH AGENCY
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

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District Environmental Services Division

Plan Check and Permitting Requirements for Food Facilities

Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code (CHSC), Section 113915, you must obtain plan approval from the Department of Environmental Health, District Environmental Services Division for any type of food or beverage facility (including all schools, discount stores with food and senior care facilities) in Riverside County prior to the Building Department issuing permits. Plan approval is required for the following:

1. Construction of any new facility
2. Remodeling or expanding any existing establishment
3. Changing equipment, equipment replacement or equipment additions
4. Conversion of a non-food to a food establishment (e.g. hardware store to a market – tenant improvement)

Health Department approval and permits are also required pursuant to CHSC, Section 113920 prior to:

1. Re-opening out of business food facilities
2. Operating any type of food vehicle or conveyance (i.e. mobile food facility), at an occasional/temporary event (e.g. fair, carnival, rodeo, etc...), certified farmer's market, produce stand, food vending machines, bed and breakfast, or any other food/beverage sales.

All taverns, cocktail lounges, beer bars, pubs, liquor stores and so forth require permits to operate, issued by the County of Riverside Department of Environmental Health, in addition to any permits/licenses issued by the City or State of California Alcoholic Beverage Control offices.

The Department of Environmental Health is also required to be notified any time there is a change in ownership, title or DBA of a food establishment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS, CONTACT YOUR LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICE BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 AM AND 5:00 PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

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