



County of San Diego

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

FOOD AND HOUSING DIVISION

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FOOD DISTRIBUTION AT BREWERIES AND URBAN WINERIES Frequently Asked Questions

Does my brewery or urban winery need a Health Permit from the Department of Environmental Health (DEH)? It depends...

- **NO**, if you sell or serve crackers, pretzels or pre-packaged food items that are non-perishable and do not exceed 25 sq. ft. The California Retail Food Code (CRFC) exempts this small level of food distribution.
- **YES**, if you sell or serve crackers, pretzels or prepackaged food that is non-perishable and exceeds 25 sq. ft. or sell or serve food that is perishable. The food service section of your establishment must meet all construction and equipment standards of the CRFC and be approved by DEH plan check.
- **YES**, if you are a Host Facility for Direct Sales Caterers. Your establishment must meet all construction and equipment standards of the CRFC and be approved by DEH plan check.

Can my customers bring in their own food or have food delivered from a permitted restaurant?

YES, with your permission, customers can bring in prepared food for their own consumption or order food and have it delivered to them at your brewery or urban winery (for example, pizza delivery).

Can I sell Cottage Food at my brewery or urban winery?

YES, permitted cottage food operators produce pre-packaged, non-perishable foods that can be sold at breweries and urban wineries. A health permit will be required for the Cottage Food Operator and your facility.

Are Temporary Food Vendors or Caterers allowed to sell food outside of my brewery or urban winery?

- **Temporary Food Vendors** are only allowed to operate at permitted **community events** in conjunction with a Temporary Event Organizer. A **community event** is defined as an event that is of civic, political, public, or educational nature as approved by the Department of Environmental Health.
- **Caterers** are permitted to prepare food specifically ordered for **private** groups of tasting customers. Caterers may not sell or give away food to individual patrons and must have access to a commercial restroom during the time they operate.
- **Direct Sales Caterers** are permitted to operate at permitted **Host Facilities** serving food directly to tasting room customers during tasting room hours.

Are mobile food facilities (food trucks or food carts) allowed to sell food outside my brewery or urban winery?

- **YES**, permitted mobile food facilities may operate on the private property at your establishment, or as allowed by local zoning and code ordinances. The mobile unit must display a current DEH permit sticker and a grade card. Vendors operating the units must have access to a commercial restroom during the time period they operate at your brewery.

How can I tell what kind of permit my vendor has?

- You may request to see a copy of their health permit. The upper middle box on the permit tells you what type of food facility they are and you can find the expiration date at the top of the permit. See reverse for sample permit.

Who can I call or email with questions?

For more information regarding options to serve food at your brewery or urban winery, please contact Heather Buonomo during normal business hours at (858) 505-6851 or at Heather.Buonomo@sdcounty.ca.gov. You can also visit DEH's website at www.sdcdeh.org.

SAMPLE HEALTH PERMITS

CATERER

DEC **County of San Diego** **2017**
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Owner/Operator Name: **JANE DOE**
Facility Name: **ABC CATERING**
Facility Located at: **1234 MAIN STREET, SAN DIEGO, CA 92121**
Mailing Address: **JANE DOE**
1234 MAIN ST
SAN DIEGO, CA 92116

Record Number: DEH2016-FFPP-123456

PERMIT TO OPERATE CATERER
Expiration Date: 12/31/2017
RENEWAL IS REQUIRED BEFORE EXPIRATION DATE

ATTENTION

- Post in a Conspicuous Place.
- A copy of this permit must be maintained at the facility location.
- Permit is not valid for any facility location or owner not listed above.
- This permit is not transferable. Any change in the above owner, location or mailing address or business activity must be reported by submitting a written change to the department.
- This is not a City or County use permit, nor a permit to operate under any other regulatory program. Other permits may be required for these operations at this location.

This permit is provisional. The Director or designee of the Director may order the permit or any permit element be denied, suspended or revoked for violation of any relevant requirement established or provided by law. This permit does not excuse any owner or operator from complying with all applicable federal, state, county or local laws, ordinance or regulations. The owner or operator is required to determine if another permit or approval from any other agency or department is necessary. The County, by issuing this permit, does not relinquish its right to enforce any violation of law.

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Permit Expiration Date

Business Type

MOBILE FOOD TRUCK

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PERMIT TO OPERATE MOBILE FOOD FACILITY PREP UNIT
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