



County of San Diego

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

FOOD AND HOUSING DIVISION



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COTTAGE FOOD OPERATION (CFO) – ZONING REQUIREMENTS

Department of Environmental Health – Food and Housing Division (DEH-FHD) permits and registers Cottage Food Operations (CFOs) that comply with all of the requirements of AB1616. The Cottage Food Operator is responsible for complying with any other requirements in the city where the business is located. Below you will find additional requirement information for the different cities in San Diego County. Unless noted that **DEH-FHD to permit first**, all city requirements are to be met prior to applying with DEH-FHD. Any city permits, licenses or registrations must be submitted with your application to DEH-FHD.

Location of CFO	Requirements	Phone Number
Unincorporated County of San Diego	A business license is not required at this time. Stamp approval from the County of San Diego Planning and Development Services - Building Division is required. Building permits are required for addition of commercial equipment or a major kitchen remodel	(858) 565-5920
Carlsbad	Business License	(760) 602-2495
Chula Vista	Home Occupation Permit & Business License	(619) 585-5621
Coronado	Home Occupation Permit	(619) 522-7320
Del Mar	Business License with Home Occupation	(858) 755-9354 ext. 184 - Les Middleton
El Cajon	Business License	(619) 441-1742 - Tony Shute
Encinitas	Business Registration ** DEH-FHD to permit first	(760) 633-2606 - Cynthia Miller
Escondido	Home Occupation Permit & Business License ** DEH-FHD to permit first	(760) 839-4306 - Paul Bingham
Imperial Beach	Business License with Home Occupation ** DEH-FHD to permit first	(619) 628-1423 - Kristine Wiesmann
La Mesa	Home Occupation Permit & Business License	(619) 667-1118 - Jolene Cayas
Lemon Grove	Home Occupation Permit ** DEH-FHD to permit first	(619) 825-3805 - Patty Peterson
National City	Home Occupation Permit & Business License ** DEH-FHD to permit first	(619) 336-4341 - Adella Salazar
Oceanside	Home Occupation Permit & Business License ** DEH-FHD to permit first	(760) 435-3905 - Jackie Bickford
Poway	Home Occupation Permit & Business License	(858) 668-4405 - Lisa Albright
San Diego	Business License	(619) 446-5118
San Marcos	Business License ** DEH-FHD to permit first	(760) 744-1050 ext. 3101 - Shauna Vuoti
Santee	Home Occupation Permit ** DEH-FHD to permit first	(619) 258-4100 ext. 146 - Tanya Espinola
Solana Beach	Home Occupation Permit & Business License	(858) 720-2442 - Patricia Bluman
Vista	Home Occupation Permit ** DEH-FHD to permit first	(760) 726-1340 ext. 1205 - Chris Winters