



# County of San Diego

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH  
FOOD AND HOUSING DIVISION

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## HOST FACILITY PERMIT OPTION

Breweries that meet specified infrastructure and operational requirements now have the option to obtain a Host Facility Permit issued by the Department of Environmental Health (DEH). This new permit allows breweries to expand their food options by hosting Direct Sales Caterers who can sell and serve food at their brewery. A Host Facility Permit is not required for breweries that only utilize catering for private events or that only host food trucks.

### Operational Requirements for a Host Facility Permit

**RESTROOMS:** Host facility must provide access to a clean restroom for the direct-sales caterer. The restroom must be located not more than 200 feet from the area where the direct-sales caterer prepares the food and must be easily accessible to the food handlers. The restroom must meet all local building and plumbing code standards. If a common use restroom will be utilized for this purpose, provide written restroom agreement.

**WAREWASHING SINK:** Host facility must have 3-compartment warewashing sink available for incidental use by the Direct Sales Caterer when a food utensil becomes contaminated and they do not have a backup (Direct Sales Caterers are required to conduct all other warewashing at their approved commissary). The Host Facility warewashing sink must have dual integral metal drain boards, be certified or classified for sanitation by an ANSI accredited agency program (e.g. NSF, ETL, etc.) and drain indirectly to a floor sink via an air gap. **Consult with your local wastewater authority about grease trap requirements.** Grease traps must be located outside the food preparation, food storage, and warewashing areas. Grease trap installation will require plan submission and approval by DEH.

**JANITORIAL SINK:** Host facility must have a curbed janitorial sink equipped with hot and cold water, a drain, and an atmospheric vacuum breaker or other approved backflow device at the faucet.

**HANDWASHING SINK:** Host facility must have a hard-plumbed handwashing sink placed outside of the restroom for direct-sales caterer's use with a minimum of 100°F-108°F warm water under pressure for a minimum of 15 seconds. Hand sinks must have hand soap and single use paper towels in dispensers.

**ELECTRICAL POWER SOURCE:** Host facility must provide access to an adequate source of electrical power that is located where the direct-sales caterer can easily use it for their required mechanical refrigeration equipment.

**POTABLE HOT AND COLD WATER:** Host facility must have a hot water heater that consistently supplies hot water at a minimum 120°F, and that is available at one of the sink fixtures at a peak demand rate.

**LOCATION FOR DIRECT SALES CATERER:** Host facility must provide a suitable location where the direct-sales caterer can set up their operations. The type of food service provided by the direct-sales caterer is contingent upon the location where they will set up their equipment. Host facility must ensure that operations comply with all applicable codes in their jurisdiction, including but not limited to Zoning and Fire Department.

**ANNUAL INSPECTION:** Host facilities are inspected annually by the Department of Environmental Health.

### Plan Check and Permit Application Process for a Host Facility Permit

1. Use the [Host Facility Flow Chart](#) to determine if your brewery is eligible for a consultation or plan submission.
2. Once you determine whether you qualify for a consultation or plan submission, complete the corresponding application and submit to DEH's Plan Check Unit, at 5500 Overland Ave., San Diego, CA 92123.
3. If your application is for plan submission, include three (3) sets of plans with your application.
4. After receiving approval from Plan Check, you may then apply for your Host Facility Permit. Submit your permit application to DEH's Permits Unit, located directly across the lobby from the Plan Check Unit.

#### Host Facility Permit Fees

#### Contact Information

- Consultation fee: \$311 or
- Plan Submission fee: \$636 and
- **Annual** Permit fee: \$147

**Plan Check Technical Questions:** (858) 505-6659  
**Operational Questions:** (858) 505-6851