



**County of San Diego**  
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**FOOD AND HOUSING DIVISION**  
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**MEHKO ZONING REQUIREMENTS**

The Department of Environmental Health and Quality, Food and Housing Division (DEHQ-FHD) registers and permits Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operations (MEHKO). The MEHKO owner is responsible for complying with any other requirements in the city where the business is located. Potential license requirements for the different jurisdictions in San Diego County, as well as contact information for each jurisdiction, is included below.

**Please ensure that the business license and home occupation permits have the same information as on the MEHKO application, including business name, owner, and address.**

Location of MEHKO	Requirements	Phone Number
<b>Unincorporated County of San Diego</b>	Building permits are required for the addition of commercial equipment or a major kitchen remodel	(858) 565-5920
<b>Carlsbad</b>	Business License	(760) 602-2495
<b>Chula Vista</b>	Home Occupation Permit & Business License	(619) 585-5624 <a href="https://www.chulavistaca.gov/departments/finance/business-licenses">https://www.chulavistaca.gov/departments/finance/business-licenses</a>
<b>Coronado</b>	Home Occupation Permit & Business License	(619) 522-7320 <a href="https://www.coronado.ca.us/cms/one.aspx?pagelid=1669965">https://www.coronado.ca.us/cms/one.aspx?pagelid=1669965</a>
<b>Del Mar</b>	Business License with Home Occupation Permit	(858) 755-9313 ext. 1184 - Les Middleton
<b>El Cajon</b>	Business License	(619) 441-1668 - businesslicense@cityofelcajon.us
<b>Encinitas</b>	Business Registration	(760) 633-2708
<b>Escondido</b>	Home Occupation Permit & Business License	(760) 839-4671
<b>Imperial Beach</b>	Business License with Home Occupation Permit	(619) 628-1356 – Reyna Ayala
<b>La Mesa</b>	Home Occupation Permit & Business License	(619) 667-1177
<b>Lemon Grove</b>	Home Occupation Permit	(619) 825-3805 - Patty Peterson
<b>National City</b>	Home Occupation Permit & Business License	(619) 336-4341 - Adella Salazar
<b>Oceanside</b>	Home Occupation Permit & Business License	(760) 435-3881 - Christy Hernandez
<b>Poway</b>	Home Occupation Permit & Business License	(858) 668-4401
<b>San Diego</b>	Business Tax Certificate	(619) 615-1500
<b>San Marcos</b>	Business License	(760) 744-1050 ext. 3101 - Shauna Vuoti
<b>Santee</b>	Home Occupation Permit	(619) 258-4100 ext. 146 - Tanya Espinola
<b>Solana Beach</b>	Home Occupation Permit & Business License	(858) 720-2442 - Patricia Bluman
<b>Vista</b>	Home Occupation Permit	(760) 643-5394 - Chris Winters