Limited Service Charitable Feeding Operation (LSCFO)

- A LSCFO is an operation for food service to a consumer solely for providing charity, that is conducted by a nonprofit charitable organization and whose food service is limited to certain functions.
- LSCFO is exempted from the definition of a food facility in the California Retail Food Code.

Permit Requirements

- LSCFO is required to register with the local enforcement agency.

Operational Restrictions

- Food preparation and distribution is allowed only from a nonresidential building or structure.
- Food distribution at an outdoor location is limited to 4 hours per day.

Food Service Restrictions

- Food service of LSCFO is limited to the following functions:
  - Storage and distribution of whole, uncut produce, or of prepackaged, non-potentially hazardous foods in their original manufacturer’s packaging.
  - Heating, portioning, or assembly of a small volume of commercially prepared foods or ingredients that are not prepackaged.
  - Reheating or portioning of only commercially prepared foods with no further processing, for purposes of hot holding and no longer than same-day food service to the consumer.
  - Storage or distribution of commercially prepared and commercially packaged potentially hazardous cold or frozen foods for distribution to the consumer, according to the Comprehensive Resource for Food Recovery Programs, as most recently updated by the Conference for Food Protection or according to another nationally recognized guidance resource as approved by the local enforcement agency.

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- The annual registration fee is $118.
- Investigations will be conducted to address complaint allegations.

WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

Contact the DPH-EH Consultative Services Program at (626) 430-5320 for additional information.