

Catering Operation

- Catering operation refers to a permanent food facility approved for offsite food service activities.
- Catering operation does not include food ordered as take out or delivery from a food facility, where the food is provided to the consumer for self-service and a food facility that is participating at a community event.
- Effective 1/1/2019, catering operation is included within the definition of a food facility and must comply with the requirements of the California Retail Food Code (CRFC).

Permit Requirements

- The CRFC requires a catering operation to have a permit from the local enforcement agency.

Operational Requirements

- Catering operation needs to operate from a permanent food facility that is capable of supporting purposed food service activities.
- Prior to operation, the catering operation needs to provide a written standard operating procedure to the local enforcement agency.
- Catering operation is required to maintain records for all offsite food service activities for 90 days after each event.
- Catering operation needs to meet the requirements as mentioned in CRFC and any other additional requirements by the local enforcement agency.

DPH-EH Catering Operation Program

- The annual public health permit fee is \$184.
- Initial site evaluation and two annual inspections.
 - Exempt from the grading system
- Investigations will be conducted to address complaint allegations.

For more information

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

Host Facility

- A host facility is a facility located in a brewery, winery, commercial building, or another location as approved by the local enforcement agency, that meets applicable requirements to support a catering operation that provides food directly to individual consumers for a limited period of time, up to four hours, in any one 12-hour period.
- Effective 1/1/2019, host facility is included within the definition of a food facility and must comply with the requirements of the California Retail Food Code (CRFC).

Permit Requirements

- The CRFC requires a host facility to have a permit from the local enforcement agency.

Operation Requirements

- Host facility plan review and approval is required by the local enforcement agency.
- Standard operating procedure needs to be submitted to the local enforcement agency.
- Host facility needs to meet the requirements as mentioned in CRFC and any other additional requirements by the local enforcement agency.
- Host facility may support a catering operation for up to four (4) hours at any one 12-hour period unless approved by the local agency.

DPH-EH Host Facility Program

- The annual public health permit fee is \$358.
- Initial site evaluation and two annual inspections.
 - Exempt from the grading system
- Investigations will be conducted to address complaint allegations.

For more information

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