

Rules and Regulations:

Department of Public Health
Rules and Regulations
Food Service
Chapter 511-6-1



***Operating without a food service permit is illegal and the necessary precautions will be taken to ensure the illegal food service operators cease all operations.**

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**BASIC
REQUIREMENTS
FOR OPENING A
FOOD SERVICE
ESTABLISHMENT**



Environmental Health:
To protect and assure the health and wellness of the people of Fulton County through education and enforcement of environmental health regulations.

**Fulton County
Board of Health,
Environmental Health
Services, District 3-2**

Environmental Health Services

The purpose of this brochure is to assist and direct you in your planning and preparation for a food service establishment in Fulton County. It contains FAQ's of Fulton County's Food Service Rules and Regulations. For full details, contact Fulton County Environmental Health Services.

Introduction

All food service operations must receive a food service permit from Environmental Health Services to operate in Fulton County. Obtaining a food service permit from Fulton County Board of Health is the first of many steps an applicant must take. There are various agencies within the county responsible for regulating different aspects of the restaurant business. For example, applicants must apply for a business license, liquor license (if applicable), and zoning approval. There may be additional requirements needed to open a food service facility. Check with the appropriate county and city municipalities that are applicable to the food service establishment location.

The following are the most frequently asked questions (FAQ'S) when starting a food service business in Fulton County:

What is a food service establishment?

A food service establishment is defined as a public or private establishment which prepares and serves meals, lunches, short orders, sandwiches, frozen desserts, or other edible products directly to the consumer either for carry out or service within the establishment.

What should be my first plan of action?

When starting your food service business one of the first things you must do is find a suitable location that will fully comply with the Fulton County Environmental Health Services and other applicable county and/or municipal requirements. Determine if your proposed site is serviced by public sewer or an individual On-Site Sewage Management System. Applicant should contact all local departments involved in permitting food service facilities to ensure compliance.

What is the plan review process?

In order for a Food Service establishment to open, the facility must undergo a plan review process. The plan review process is to ensure the proposed building and operation will meet the Department of Public Health food code regulations. There are two types of plan reviews: 1.) new food service establishment, and 2.) existing food service establishment. A set of plans and equipment specifications must be submitted to the Environmental Health office for review and approval before construction is started.

What is the difference between the two plan reviews?

1. A new food service establishment plan review process is for a newly constructed facility or conversion of a nonfood service establishment to a food service establishment.
2. An existing food service establishment plan review process is for a facility that has undergone a change of ownership or extensive remodeling and renovations have occurred.

The plan review will provide detailed information outlining: equipment, layout, any changes or remodeling which may be required to bring the facility up to current standards.

Can I operate a catering business out of my home?

No, homes are not acceptable.

Can I operate a catering business out of my friends permitted Food Service Facility?

No, Food Service Permits are not transferable from one person to another person, from one food service establishment to another, or valid when the food service establishment is moved from one location to another.