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## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH County of Riverside

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INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN NO. 44-06-DES

DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DIVISION

### PLAN CHECK AND PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS FOR FOOD FACILITIES

Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code (CHSC), Section 114380, you must obtain plan approval from the Department of Environmental Health, District Environmental Services Division for any type of food facility in Riverside County prior to the Building Department issuing permits. Plan approval is required for the following:

1. Construction of any new facility
2. Remodeling or expanding any existing facility
3. Changing equipment, equipment replacement or equipment additions
4. Conversion of a non-food to a food facility (e.g. hardware store to a market – tenant improvement)

Per CHSC, Section 114381, all food facilities shall not be open for business without a valid permit issued by the County of Riverside Department of Environmental Health. In addition permits/licenses issued by the City or State of California Alcoholic Beverage Control offices may be required. Health Department approval and permits are also required prior to:

1. Re-opening out of business food facilities.
2. Operating any type of mobile food facility, produce stand, food vending machines, bed and breakfast, or any other facility selling food or beverages.
3. Operating a temporary food facility at a community event (e.g. fair, carnival, rodeo, etc...), certified farmer's market, or swap meet. A permit is also required for organizing a community event.

The Department of Environmental Health is also required to be notified any time there is a change in ownership, title or DBA of a food facility.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS, CONTACT YOUR LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICE BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7:00 AM AND 5:30 PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

\*Document available in an alternate format upon request

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