

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – INDIAN RIVER COUNTY
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SECTION

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING
FOOD ESTABLISHMENT PLAN REVIEW GUIDE

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This packet contains information on procedures for obtaining food establishment plan review approval and a Sanitation Certificate for establishments under the jurisdiction of the Florida Department of Health – Indian River County. Your establishment must meet all requirements of Chapter 64E-11, *Florida Administrative Code* (F.A.C.) and Section 381.0072, *Florida Statutes* (F.S.). It is important to become familiar with these requirements, which can be found at indianriver.floridahealth.gov. If you have questions, or need clarification, please contact Environmental Health Services at 772.794.7440, Monday through Friday between 8:00AM and 5:00PM. Plan review approval and the issuance of a Sanitation Certificate satisfy state government requirements for operating a food establishment under the Department of Health jurisdiction within Indian River County; however, it is very important to contact local officials regarding any city and county requirements.

Adult Day Cares, Assisted Living Facilities and other Residential Facilities listed in Section 381.006(16), F.S., **with a maximum capacity of 6 to 10 residents** (excluding Adult Family Care Homes and Hospices) are considered **Tier II Food Service Establishments**. Tier II Food Service Establishments initially licensed by the licensing agency or renovated on or after January 1, 2008 must complete this plan review guide, but will not be issued a Sanitation Certificate. Certain items listed below are not required or have reduced requirements for these establishments. Please review any information with the “‡” symbol for information on requirements for **Tier II Food Service Establishments**.

Please use the checklist below to make sure you provide all necessary information for plan review.

APPLICATION FOR A SANITATION CERTIFICATE

- Form DH 4086 Application for a Sanitation Certificate. **Do not send payment at this time.** Once plan review approval has been granted, construction is complete, and you are ready for the construction/opening inspection, please contact Environmental Health Services to obtain fee and payment information.

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- Form HD-158E Food Establishment Plan Review Guide.
- A sample menu or menu information listed on a separate document.
- Equipment schedule with manufacturer specification sheets for each piece of equipment shown on the plan. Equipment schedule consists of a list of each piece of equipment to be used for the food operation. If manufacturer specification sheets are not available or not obtainable, please submit the make and model of each piece of equipment.

FEES*

- Plan review fee of \$35.00, payable to the Indian River County Health Department. This plan review fee covers the first hour of plan review. Each additional hour will be billed to you at a rate of \$35.00 per hour. Acceptable forms of payment include cash, check, money order, credit (Visa or MasterCard only) or debit. Please do not send cash in the mail. Electronic forms of payment are accepted Monday through Friday from 8:00AM to 5:00 PM.

*Public schools, colleges, and vocational teaching facilities are exempt from this fee.

PLANS

All plans must be drawn to scale (e.g., ¼ inch = 1 foot) which means everything must be in correct proportions. For example if the establishment is 50 feet long and 25 feet wide, the length wall would be drawn twice the length of the width wall. This is the same for all interior walls, rooms and equipment.

Include the following information on the site plan:

- Identify the location of business in the building.
- Identify the location of building on the property including alley, streets, etc.
- Identify location of any outside equipment (e.g., dumpsters, well, septic system – if applicable).
- Indicate type of nonabsorbent surface installed under dumpster or outdoor trash area on site plan.

Include the following information on the floor plan:

- Label all areas of the food establishment (e.g., bars, wait stations, seating, dining areas, serving lines, etc.).
- Identify all equipment (e.g., stoves, refrigerators, steam tables, prep tables, sinks, dishwasher, shelving, etc.). Food, equipment, and utensils must be stored at least 6 inches above the floor; shelving finishes must be easily cleanable.

‡Tier II Food Service Establishments require a handwashing sink (exclusively used for handwashing), provided with hot and cold running water under pressure, which shall be located within the food preparation area. A sign must be posted clearly designating the sink for handwashing purposes. In addition to the designated one compartment handwashing sink, a two compartment sink or one compartment sink and a residential use dishwasher shall be provided for warewashing. If a facility has a two compartment sink and a residential dishwasher, one compartment of the two compartment sink can be designated as a handwashing sink when labeled and used exclusively as such. A mop sink is not required for this type of facility.

- Identify location of plumbing services. All establishments must have hot and cold running water under pressure to all handwash sinks (including those in restrooms used by food workers), food equipment/utensil washing sinks, dishwashers, mop/utility sinks, etc. All drains from any equipment in which food (including ice), portable equipment, or utensils are placed must be indirectly wasted by means of an air gap. The air gap between the indirect waste pipe and the flood level rim of the waste receptacle shall be a minimum of twice the effective opening of the indirect waste pipe. Grease traps must meet all local plumbing codes and be located so they can be easily cleaned.

‡Tier II Food Service Establishments only require hot and cold running water under pressure to be easily accessible where food is prepared and where utensils are washed. Indirectly wasted plumbing/air gaps are not required.

- Identify lighting. Protective covers or coatings are required for lights located in food storage, preparation, and display areas where food is opened or exposed.
- Identify electrical services and mechanical ventilation. All rooms in which food is stored, prepared or served, utensils washed, toilet, dressing and locker rooms, and garbage storage areas shall be well ventilated. Identify location of automatic fire suppression/ventilation hood system(s), if applicable.
- Identify location of restrooms for food worker use.
- Identify all storage areas (including where cleaning equipment and supplies, dry goods, and employee personal items are stored).

After your plans are approved, we will send you a letter. It is important to construct your facility exactly as approved or otherwise indicated on the approval letter and meet all other local code requirements. When construction is near completion, please contact our office at 772.794.7440 to obtain permitting fee requirements. Fees are different per facility and are prorated on a quarterly basis; the permitting year is October 1 to September 30. Payment of permitting fees must be made prior to the construction/preopening inspection. Once permitting fees have been paid, an inspector will contact you to schedule your construction/preopening inspection. During the inspection, department staff will confirm you have constructed your facility according to the approved plans and any provisos, and verify that the establishment complies with code requirements and is ready to operate. A satisfactory inspection is required prior to the issuance of a Sanitation Certificate or signage of Alcoholic Beverage Papers. You must obtain your Sanitation Certificate prior to beginning initial operation.

‡Tier II Food Service Establishments will be sent a letter when the plans are approved. After receiving the approval letter, when the facility is ready for inspection, please contact our office at 772.794.7440 to schedule your sanitation inspection. Food safety and sanitation standards will be inspected during your inspection; a separate food license will not be issued.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE PLAN REVIEW GUIDE

SECTION 1 – PLAN REVIEW TYPE

Indicate the type of plan review requested that best describes your establishment. (Required) Please check only one box. When reopening, remodeling, or converting (type of food establishment or level of food service provided) a food establishment, please provide the name of the current/previous establishment and sanitation certificate number, if known.

SECTION 2 – TYPE OF FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT

Indicate the type of service that best describes your establishment. (Required) Please check only one box. The Florida Department of Health can only license food establishments that fall into these categories. If the facility is or will be licensed by another agency (e.g., Adult Day Care, Assisted Living Facility, Hospice, etc.), please indicate the maximum number of residents you are or intend to be permitted for. Also, please indicate if you will be serving to Highly Susceptible Populations such as Elementary School aged children or younger (birth through 5th grade), individuals 60 years or older, or individuals receiving health related and/or custodial care. Establishments serving the general population or fraternal-type operations should mark “No”.

SECTION 3 – OPERATION TYPE

Indicate the operation type that best describes your establishment. (Required) Please check all that apply. Multiple operations within the same building, under the same ownership may be permitted as an umbrella-type operation.

SECTION 4 – CONTACT MAILING INFORMATION

Complete the mailing information as accurately as possible. If you submit incomplete information, your plan review will be delayed.

- Owner Name – corporation, partnership or individual that currently owns the establishment. Please check the box that applies to the type of ownership of your business. (Required)
- Contact Name – name of the person you want contacted if there are any questions about the plan review. (Optional)
- Street Address or Post Office Box, City, State, Zip Code – this address will be where the department will mail all official plan review paperwork. (Required)
- Phone Number (Required) and Extension if applicable (Optional) – primary contact number for questions about the plan review.
- E-Mail Address – very helpful to the department as an additional means of communicating with the contact person. (Optional)
- Fax Number (Alternate phone number) – additional means of communicating with the contact person. (Optional)

SECTION 5 – ESTABLISHMENT LOCATION INFORMATION

Complete the establishment information as accurately as possible. If you submit incomplete information, your plan review will be delayed.

- Establishment Name – DBA (Doing Business As) – the proposed name of the establishment. If the establishment is part of a chain, please indicate a unique identifier (e.g., American Legion #123). (Required)
- Street Address, City, Zip Code – proposed site for the establishment. (Required)
- Phone Number and Extension, E-Mail Address – alternate contact information if available. (Optional)

SECTION 6 – SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

This section is a checklist of the additional documents that you must provide with the plan review guide. Please see information provided above. (Required)

SECTION 7 – TYPE OF FOOD SERVED/LEVEL OF PREPARATION

Complete all information as indicated. This will help the department determine fee requirements, inspection schedules, and any food service restrictions. Potentially Hazardous Foods (PHFs) are perishable foods consisting in whole or in part of milk or milk products, eggs, meat, poultry, fish, shellfish, edible crustacean, etc. A full definition of potentially hazardous food may be found in Chapter 64E-11.002(36), F.A.C. (Required)

SECTION 8 – GENERAL INFORMATION

Complete all information as indicated. (Required)

SECTION 9 – FINISH MATERIAL

Indicate the type of material that you will use in the areas indicated. All construction finishes must be smooth, easily cleanable and nonabsorbent. All junctures between walls and floors shall be coved and sealed. (Required)

SECTION 10 – DISHWASHING FACILITIES/PLUMBING*‡

Indicate whether you will do dishwashing manually or mechanically. If done manually, a three-compartment sink with drain boards on each end or equivalent shelving is required. If done mechanically, a commercial dishwashing machine with gauges is required. Indicate the sanitization method to be used by the dishwashing machine. Please indicate the location of all dishwashing equipment on the plans. (Required)

*If the establishment will be using only single service utensils or no ware washing will be taking place onsite, please skip this section.

‡Tier II Food Service Establishments do not require commercial dishwashing facilities or indirectly wasted plumbing/air gaps. See information provided under the “Plans” section above.

SECTION 11 – OTHER FACILITIES‡

Indicate the number and each type of bathroom, handwash sink and food preparation sink installed. Customers may not go through the food preparation, food storage or dishwashing areas to reach the bathroom(s). Also identify the utility/mop sink and water heater location. (Required)

‡Tier II Food Service Establishments do not require a mop sink and have reduced requirements for handwashing facilities. See information provided under the “Plans” section above.

SECTION 12 – WATER AND WASTEWATER INFORMATION

Indicate the water supply type and wastewater disposal method. If the water supply type is a well, it may need to be permitted through this office or the Department of Environmental Protection. If the wastewater disposal method is a septic system, a separate approval from this office may be required. Please contact 321.633.2100 for more information. If water and/or wastewater supply/disposal method is municipal, indicate the name of the utility providing this service. (Required)

SECTION 13 – SIGNATURE

Please print your name and then sign and date the plan review guide before submitting. (Required)

When complete, please submit your application for a sanitation certificate (without fees)‡, plan review guide, plans, supporting documents and \$35.00 fee (if applicable) to:

Florida Department of Health – Indian River County
Environmental Health Section
1900 27th St.
Vero Beach, FL 32960
Fax# 772-794-7447
Email: zzzzFB_CHD31EH@flhealth.gov

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Approval of your plans means that your plans appear to meet the minimum requirements of the Florida Department of Health. You must make sure that you meet all other requirements that apply. Plan review approval does not guarantee that the department will approve completed establishment's structure or equipment. In addition, **payment of permitting FEES, a satisfactory INSPECTION by the department, and ISSUANCE of a Sanitation Certificate are required prior to operation.**‡

‡ Tier II Food Service Establishments do not pay permitting fees and will not receive a Sanitation Certificate. All food code standards will be evaluated during the facility's sanitation inspection.

Be sure to send the completed plan review guide, application for a sanitation certificate‡, plans, supporting documents and the \$35.00 plan review fee. Providing complete information will help us process your plan review faster.

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NOTE: All establishments are required to meet the sanitation and safety standards provided by law.

- All refrigeration must maintain potentially hazardous foods at 41°F or colder. You must install thermometers in the warmest part of all refrigeration/freezer units. A probe-type thermometer scaled for its intended use is required for employees to check food temperatures. Be sure all thermometers are calibrated and present at the time of the opening inspection.