

“A person shall not operate a Fixed, Mobile Food Service Establishment, Special Transitory Food Unit (STFU), Temporary Food Service Establishment, or Vending Machine location in this State without a license issued and approved by the local health department. The owner or operator of a food service establishment shall notify the City of Detroit Health Department before there is a change of ownership of an existing food service establishment. A food service license is not transferrable as to person or place.” Michigan Food Law

NOTE :

Food Establishments operating without approved plans and specification for new construction, renovation, or remodeling project or the require State of Michigan Food Service License will be subject to Administrative Code Enforcement being initiated against the food establishment.

FOOD SAFETY



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**SO YOU WANT TO
OPEN A
RESTAURANT?**

Getting Started

Opening a restaurant can be very exciting. The key to success is proper planning. This pamphlet will assist you through the process.

All Detroit restaurants must comply with the Michigan Food Law as well as local ordinances.

The Detroit Health Department is the regulatory authority that is responsible for licensing and field evaluation of food service establishments operating in the City of Detroit.

Please note that a food license, and any code variances are non-transferable. The Detroit Health Department must be notified before any change of ownership.

When buying an existing facility, please consider obtaining a plan review “field consultation” prior to the purchase. The field inspection cost is \$175.00 for this preliminary review. It is recommended that the new owner or operator review previous health inspection reports for past code violation.

When ready, submit properly prepared plans and specifications to the Detroit Health Department for review. When plans are approved construction, remodeling, or alterations can begin. Submit the plans as early as possible to help facilitate the licensing process.

The Steps.....

In order to facilitate the approval of your State of Michigan Food License and City of Detroit General Business License, which allows you to operate, please follow these steps:

1. Obtain Zoning approval for new sites, facilities, and any change of use in existing locations seeking to conduct a food service business. For zoning information, please contact the City of Detroit’s Zoning Division, located in room 407 of the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center (CAYMC). For more information, please call (313) 224-0167
2. The Building Safety and Engineering Department must approve scaled plans and specification for newly constructed, renovated, or remodeled restaurant projects. Building & Safety Engineering Department (BSED) is located in room 401 of the CAYMC Building. BSED will issue a routing schedule for all departments that must review the plans. For more information, please call (313) 224-3233. If the establishment is not being physically changed, such as a change in ownership only, plans may not be necessary. However, application must be made at the Detroit Health Department for a Michigan Food Service Establishment License, and at the Business Licensing Center for a City Business License. A pre-opening inspection and approval by the Food Safety Plan Review Officer and other city inspectors is required before opening for business.
3. The Detroit Health Department Food Safety Office requires two (2) sets of scaled plans (drawing), one (1) copies of the Plan Review Booklet, and a copy of the proposed menu,

Standard Operating Procedures (SOP’s), and a Managers Certificate. Other information unique to your business may also be needed. For more information , please call (313) 876-0135.

4. The Food Service Establishment License Application can be completed when plans and appropriate fees are submitted, and the application held by Food Safety while the approval process is completed. However; the application will be approved only after all construction, alteration or remodeling is finished and the facility inspected. For more information , please call (313) 876-0135.
5. The owner or operator must apply for the City of Detroit’s Business License. Contact the Consumer Affairs Office located in Suite 402 at CAYMC for application information (313) 224-3179.
6. After completion of the construction, alteration or remodeling, and before opening the food service establishment , notify the Plan Review Office (313) 876-0135, and arrange for a pre-opening inspection. After passing inspection your application will be forwarded to the State of Michigan for printing, then to the Detroit Health Department .
7. Upon receipt of your State of Michigan’s Food Service Establishment License, it will be sent to the owner to be posted in a conspicuous place in the establishment for public viewing.