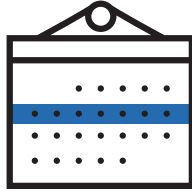


# MICROENTERPRISE HOME KITCHEN OPERATION (MEHKO)

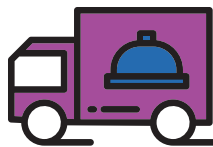
A permitted mini restaurant that operates in a residential kitchen.

## OPERATORS ARE REQUIRED TO:

Be a **RESIDENT OF THE HOME** and responsible for the operation



Limit operation to **30 MEALS PER DAY AND 90 MEALS PER WEEK** with a \$100,000 annual sales cap



**DELIVER FOOD** to the consumer directly

Be in compliance with the **YOUR CITY OR SONOMA COUNTY GENERAL PLAN**



Prepare, cook, and serve all food on the **SAME DAY**



Pass an approved accredited **FOOD SAFETY EXAM**

Have any person involved with the operation obtain a **FOOD HANDLER CARD** from an approved provider

## MEHKO APPLICATION STEPS:

1

### CONTACT:

Environmental Health at (707) 565 6565 or [EH@sonoma-county.org](mailto:EH@sonoma-county.org)

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### SUBMIT FOLLOWING:

- Application form
- Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) form
- Applicable fee

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### OBTAIN PERMIT:

Upon approval of documents and an in-home inspection by Environmental Health, a **MEHKO IS ISSUED A PERMIT AND APPROVED TO OPERATE.**

## OPERATORS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO:



**EMPLOY MORE THAN ONE FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE**

**PREPARE, SERVE OR SELL FOOD OUTSIDE OF PERMITTED KITCHEN AREA**

**RESELL FOOD** to other food facilities



**DISPLAY ANY SIGNAGE** or other outdoor advertising

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT SONOMA COUNTY [MEHKO](#)



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