

# MICRO ENTERPRISE HOME KITCHEN OPERATION



a new type of retail food facility to be operated by a resident in a private home

## REQUIREMENTS

- Public Health Permit issued by the LA County, Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division.
- Operator must reside at the home and are responsible for the operation.
- Operator must pass an approved and accredited Certified Food Protection Manager certification examination; any other persons involved in the MEHKO will need to obtain a food handler card.
- Food may only be prepared, cooked, and served on the same day and sold directly to consumers on-site, by delivery, or on approved food cart(s).
- Food must be disposed of by the end of the day.
- Fat, oil, and grease disposal must be done in an approved manner.
- Must have a type 10:BC fire extinguisher in the cooking area.

## LIMITATIONS

- One permit per resident, per owner.
- No more than one full-time employee (for 40 hours) or multiple employees where combined hours do not exceed 40 hours per week.
- May not produce, serve, or sell raw milk products.
- May not serve or sell raw oysters.
- May not operate as a caterer or a Cottage Food Operator.
- May not resell food to other food facilities.
- May not display any signage or other outdoor advertisement.
- May not use third-party delivery apps, such as Grubhub, Uber Eats, etc.
- May not sell or serve food with alcohol without an Alcoholic Beverage Control License.
- Food preparation is limited to 30 meals per day or 90 meals per week; with annual sales cap of \$100,000 (may be increased if operating in conjunction with a compact mobile food operation.)



## PERMITTING PROCESS

- Submit the Public Health Application, the Standard Operating Procedure, menu, and Certified Food Protection Manager certificate.
- Submit food handler cards for persons involved in the MEHKO or within 30 days after of hire.
- Submit well-water testing results, if applicable.
- Pay the associated fees.
- Schedule a home inspection.

For more information, visit:  
[ph.lacounty.gov/MEHKO](http://ph.lacounty.gov/MEHKO)

