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## **BASIC REQUIREMENTS FOR PHYSICAL INSPECTION**

### **OVERVIEW:**

The following are some of the basic requirements for physical inspection of a permit premises. It must be understood, however, that additional requirements may exist. These are only some of the basic requirements.

**NOTE:** If the foundation or footers for a new building are present, a preliminary inspection will save additional delays, which may be caused by the existence of churches, schools, libraries or other institutions within 500 feet of the premises. When premises are completed and ready to operate, a final inspection would then be required.

### **“C” CLASS PERMITS:**

Prior to the issuance of the permit, any construction must be completed. That is, equipment and fixtures on the premises are hooked up. Also, there must be non-alcoholic inventory on premises, although not necessarily on shelves or other sales area.

### **“D” CLASS PERMITS:**

Prior to the issuance of the permit, any construction must be completed. That is, equipment and fixtures on the premises are hooked up. There must be a three-compartment sink or commercial automatic dishwasher, and two complete restrooms, one for each sex, containing one or more water-flushed toilets, complete with seats. If two or more such toilets are installed, partitions and doors shall be provided to ensure complete privacy. Available to both sexes must be hand-washing facilities including warm water, soap, and individual-type sanitary towels or hand dryers. The doors of restroom facilities for patron or customer use cannot open directly into the kitchen or other food preparation area, and must be equipped with automatic self-closing devices.

**D-8 EXCEPTION:** A D-8 permit premises is not required to have restroom facilities [see O.A.C. 4301:1-1-17(G)].

All permit premises are required to have an area designated for on-premises consumption with available seating.

**STATE AGENCY EXCEPTION:** This requirement will not apply to D permit holders who are also agencies for the sale of spirituous liquor, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 4301.17.

The premises must be equipped to serve the minimum food required by the division: hot soup, sandwiches, and a hot and a cold non-alcoholic beverage. A food service permit (FSO – Food Service Operation License, or FE – Retail Food Establishment License) must be on premises and issued to the same address and entity as the liquor permit application (or can be in seller’s name if transfer of ownership).

**D-5 PERMITS:** require all of the above, with the following additions and/or exceptions:

- The permit premises must provide entertainment.
- The permit holder is not required to prepare food on the premises; however, if it is not prepared on the premises, catered food as indicated above must be available during all hours of operation on the premises. A food service permit is still required.