



## LICENSE RENEWALS



License renewal time is almost here! Food service licenses run from March 1 through February 28 every year. You will be receiving your license renewal application via mail. If you have a liquor license, your food service license must match your liquor license exactly.

**All licensing fees must be paid on or before March 1, 2024**, or your facility will be considered operating without a food license. Operating without a food license can be grounds for closing your facility and significant monetary penalties for late fees.

If you operate a mobile unit, remember to call our office to schedule your yearly inspection.

These inspections must be completed before your first scheduled event.

Contact us at 419-334-6373 with any questions or concerns.

## COMMON VIOLATIONS

During inspections this quarter, we have been seeing some issues with the cleanability of equipment. Remember that if something is beginning to rust, chip, peel, etc., it will be time to replace it. All equipment and materials in a facility, including kitchen utensils, equipment, walls, floors, etc., shall maintain a smooth, cleanable surface to meet the Ohio Food Code.



Section 3717-1-04.1.C and 04.0.I: Multiuse food-contact surfaces are to be Smooth; Free of breaks, open seams, cracks, chips, inclusions, pits, and similar imperfections; Free of sharp internal angles, corners, and crevices; Finished to have smooth welds and joints; Nonfood-contact surfaces of equipment exposed to splash, spillage, or other food soiling or requiring frequent cleaning shall be constructed of a corrosion-resistant, nonabsorbent, and smooth material.

## SOLAR ECLIPSE 2024

On April 8, 2024, many regions of Ohio, including right here in Fremont, will be covered in darkness for several minutes.

Local businesses, including gas stations, restaurants, and hotels, are advised to consider the upcoming surge of tourists this event will bring.

With Fremont being in the center line of the total eclipse, many tourists are expected. Totality is predicted to begin at 3:08 PM and end at 3:19 PM. Heavy traffic is expected on Monday, with the likelihood of these effects extending till Tuesday.

Communication services, such as cell phone, internet connectivity, and credit card services, may be restricted. As a result, all businesses must prepare for and be aware of any potential impacts to their operations.

**Please keep in mind that if you are not an FSO/RFE or Campground, you must pull a temporary permit to serve food or have campers for this event.**



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