



What You Need to Know About Food License Changes in Philadelphia

- Under a new law passed in December 2017, City of Philadelphia food licenses have changed. Philadelphia will now issue **“Large Establishment” food licenses** to businesses with 30 or more customer seats and **“Small Establishment” food licenses** to businesses with 29 or fewer customer seats.
- For a business to qualify for a Large Establishment food license, the 30 seats, and at least one toilet room and a sink, must be regularly available for customer use.
- Businesses with between 30 and 49 seats will be required to schedule a visit from a City inspector to make sure that they are issued the correct license.
- The City will notify businesses with food licenses about the changes and how to comply with the new license law.
- The new law does not affect the use of plexiglass barriers in businesses that sell food and have 29 or fewer seats.
- The new law does not require the immediate removal of plexiglass barriers in businesses that sell food and have 30 or more seats.
- After July 1, 2018, the City will convene a diverse group of stakeholders to consider the use or removal of plexiglass barriers in businesses with 30 or more seats (“Large Establishment” license-holders).