

Oregon Department of Agriculture
Food Safety Division
Licensing of Non-Profit Activities, Such as Bazaars

Authority

The Oregon Department of Agriculture, Food Safety Division, is responsible under Oregon's Food Law, ORS 616 "for the administration and enforcement of all regulatory legislation applying to the production, processing and distribution of all food products or commodities of agricultural origin."

Licensing

ORS 616.706 states "No person shall operate a food establishment without first obtaining a license. 616.695 defines a food establishment as "any room, building, structure or place used or intended for use, or operated for storing, preparing, compounding, manufacturing, processing, freezing, packaging, distributing, handling, salvaging, or displaying food."

If your activity is making a food product and offering it for sale, for your personal profit, then you must be licensed. Licenses are issued for bakeries, food processors, domestic kitchen, etc.

Non-Profit Activities

Department policy is that we do not license non-profit charitable organizations that make and sell items such as jams, bread, cookies, and candy. A church bake sale, a little league sale of candy, or a the packaging and selling of bean soup mix to raise funds for a non profit organization are a few examples.

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