



Helpful information for all business owners!

This information is provided as a courtesy after consultation with the Attorney representing Taste of Sicily. (E.A.T)

- 1) The most common question we get is, "Can they take my (business, liquor, etc...) license"? Let's address that first. The PA Code has both LCB and DOH codes that apply to the laws enacted by the legislators. In order for a license to be suspended, revoked, etc... you MUST be in violation of one of those codes.

The Governor cannot order your business to be closed outside of the established codes without "visible, credible evidence of an outbreak within your establishment". They use the Disease Prevention Act of 1955 to say they can "enforce" their shut down orders. If you read the act in its entirety, it clearly states what I mention above. VISIBLE, CREDIBLE EVIDENCE is the standard, and it must be proven to be found within your establishment, not floating in the air.

- 2) "Can the police RAID my restaurant and order everyone to get out?" The police cannot force your business to close or people to leave unless YOU call them to do that. If they show up you simply ask for their warrant and tell them you are represented by Counsel. (More on that later) Ask them if they are serving you with a fine or citation, accept the paperwork, and send it promptly to the attorney.
- 3) I heard of SUCH AND SUCH out in Pittsburgh, etc.. that got raided, shut down, and their liquor license revoked" FALSE INFORMATION! There have been no license revocations in the entire State of PA. Please refer to the other document regarding the attorney's summary of cases filed in PA and their outcomes.
- 4) COMMON SENSE tells you that if you DO happen to have an outbreak of ANYTHING in your building, you must close, sanitize and follow the current health and safety laws per the PA Code.
- 5) Be Sure to have a current copy of your Employee Health and Safety Guidelines handy – this is one of the things that have attempted to cite people on. Also, all other rules of health, safety and PLCB must strictly be followed as you always have.
- 6) What do I do/say if the
 - a. LCB Comes In – If they want to inspect, allow them to but you MUST take video of the inspection and you must let them know that you are taking it. Record yourself telling

them that you are recording them. They may tell you that you are not allowed to record it, this is FALSE information please just continue to record them or ask them to come back if they are willing. If they say "We are here to take your liquor license", Tell them that you do not intend to surrender it without a hearing, take whatever paperwork they give you, and give it to the owner. Tell them you are represented by counsel, and ask if they would like his name and number.

- b. The Police Come In – REALITY CHECK – the local police are NOT raiding businesses and ordering everyone to leave. If you saw this on somewhere, it is FAKE NEWS. If the police DO come in, treat them like everyone else. Ask how you can help them. If they say "We are here to shut you down" you ONLY response is "Do you have a warrant or court order and if so may I see it?" If they do not have one, respectfully ask them to return when they do. You might have to stand your ground and simply say "I do not intend to close without one of those documents". You can also say "This business is currently represented by counsel would you like his name and number?"
- c. The Dept of Health : Again, let them inspect. VIDEO this inspection, regardless of what they say. If they hand you a citation or verbally issue any other threats, simply thank them for the information, and take whatever papers they give you. Immediately give them to the owner of the business, and the owner is to immediately forward these to Eric Winter.

The attorney handling these cases successfully is Eric Winter, Esq. with Prince Law Group in Bechtelsville. (610) 845-3803.

- 7) LEGAL FEES: FREE PA has organized a GOFUNDME account to pay the legal costs for fighting these citations. The funds are not unlimited so you will need to reserve yours. These documents will be ready to be issued shortly. There is no cost to participate, but you do need to agree to open to 100%, bar seating if applicable, and no enforced mask rules.

There are over 400 restaurants fighting back this time! This is the beginning of a PA REVOLUTION to END the governors self- appointed role of King. Nobody is forced to go to a restaurant or sit at a bar. Nobody is forced to work out in a gym. Your decision to be a leader in your community is yours to make, and your staff is counting on you to do the right thing.

Please join our local chapter of Free PA, which is FREE MONTCO on Facebook. Let us know if you need help, reach out to us and we can point you in the right direction.

