



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. One tried to suspend it, the establishment fought (Tunnelton Inn), and now the State is trying to drop the charges and the restaurant WONT LET THEM! They want the ruling, they want to get a judge to order that their license cannot be suspended, because then their whole game is over. Not sure yet how this one is going to go, but the LCB is literally trying to drop the case. Hearing is scheduled for December 18th.
- 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.

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

- 6) **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 again Monday December 14th. You need to send a message to FREE PA on their Facebook page if you wish to participate. There is not cost to participate, but you do need to agree to open to 100%, bar seating if applicable, and no enforced mask rules.

We currently have 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.

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

