

MICROENTERPRISE HOME KITCHEN OPERATIONS (MEHKO_s)

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Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operations (MEHKO)

- **AB 626**
 - MEHKOs became effective January 1, 2019.
 - Allows operation **ONLY** if the County authorizes them by ordinance or resolution.
 - Authorizes the use of home kitchens for small-scale, direct food sales by home cooks.
 - Would apply to all cities and unincorporated San Mateo County.
- **San Mateo County Resolution:**
 - January 29, 2019, the Board approved a resolution expressing support.
 - Established a Subcommittee to develop an ordinance.



MEHKO Requirements

- **30** meals/day or **60** meals/week max.
- **\$50,000** in gross annual sales/year max.
- On-site dining, delivery or takeout.
- Onsite cooking classes, food demonstrations.
- May employ up to one employee.
- Permitted use of residential property per zoning, building and fire codes.
- No exterior advertisements.
- Food safety training required.



Grant Program

- Would support MEHKO entrepreneurs who meet eligibility requirements
- \$62,500 in grant funding
- 25 \$2500 grants
- For business start up costs, including food safety training, advertising and marketing, online presence.
- Defined application window after October 1- not first come, first served
- Eligible applicants selected at random.



Outreach

- **Webpage:** smchealth.org/microkitchen
- **Email:** mehko@smcgov.org
- **MEHKO Overview Presentations:**
 - In person (North, South, Coast)
 - Zoom webinars
 - Multilingual (Spanish, Tagalog, Chinese)
- **Social Media:** Facebook, Twitter, Nextdoor
- **Local Community Groups**
- **SMC Office of Community Affairs**

MICROENTERPRISE HOME KITCHEN OPERATION (MEHKO)
A permitted mini restaurant that operates in a residential kitchen.

OPERATORS ARE REQUIRED TO:

- Be a **RESIDENT OF THE HOME** and responsible for the operation
- Limit operation to **30 MEALS PER DAY, AND 60 MEALS PER WEEK** with a \$50,000 annual sales cap
- DELIVER FOOD** to the consumer directly
- Get **INTERNET FOOD SERVICE INTERMEDIARIES** approved by CA Department of Public Health
- Prepare, cook, and serve all food on the **SAME DAY**
- Pass an approved accredited **FOOD SAFETY EXAM**

Have any person involved with the operation obtain a **FOOD HANDLER PERMIT** from an approved provider

MEHKO APPLICATION STEPS:

- CONTACT** Environmental Health Services at (650) 372-6200, or visit smchealth.org/microkitchen.
- SUBMIT A MEHKO APPLICATION** with the applicable fee, and an **INSPECTION WILL BE SCHEDULED** within 5 business days.
- Upon approval of documents and an in-home inspection by the County, a **MEHKO IS APPROVED TO OPERATE**.

OPERATORS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO:

- EMPLOY MORE THAN ONE FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE**
- Produce, serve, or use raw milk, serve raw oysters or any food that would require a **HAZARDOUS CRITICAL ANALYSIS AND CRITICAL CONTROL POINTS (HACCP)**
- RESELL FOOD** to other food facilities
- DISPLAY ANY SIGNAGE** or other outdoor advertising

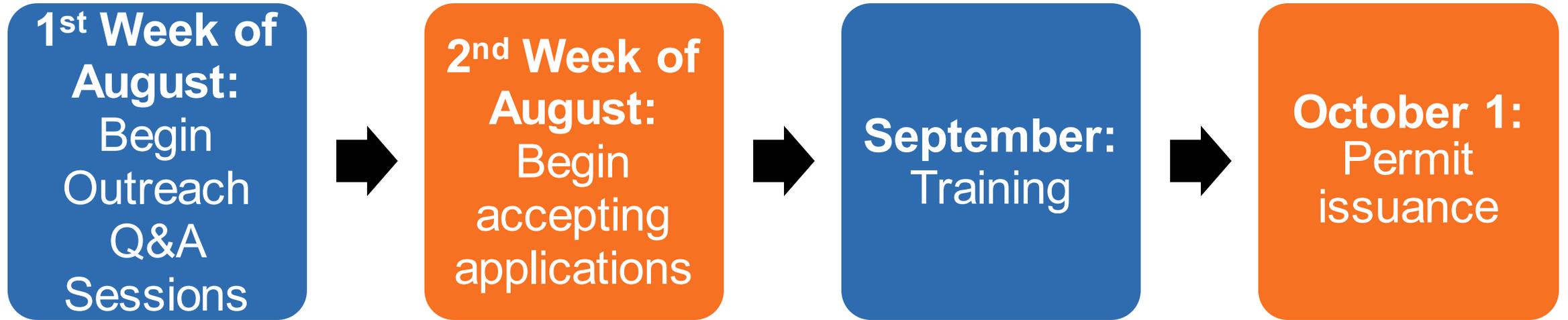
FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT SMCHEALTH.ORG/MICROKITCHEN

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Proposed Timeline



Recommendations

- **Adopt an ordinance** for a MEHKO 2-year pilot in San Mateo County.
- **Adopt a resolution** authorizing:
 - ✓ \$238,000 to EHS to cover cost of operating a 2-year pilot program
 - ✓ \$62,500 for 25, \$2,500 grants to MEHKO operators



Questions?



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