

Northern Nevada Public Health - Food Establishment Permitting Process

To operate a food establishment in Washoe County, a valid health permit to operate issued by Northern Nevada Public Health (NNPH) is required. This document will outline how to obtain the necessary permits and licenses.

A new health permit is required when:

- Opening a new food establishment.
- An existing food establishment is sold, or ownership is transferred to another person.
- The City of Reno, City of Sparks, or Washoe County business licensing department requires a new business license.

Where to start:

- What is the type of food establishment? What will the menu consist of?
- Where will the food establishment to be located?
- Will there be any renovations in the chosen location?

For a fee, NNPH will inspect the proposed food facility and identify required repairs and upgrades. A limited advisory inspection is recommended prior to signing a lease or other legally binding document. To schedule a limited advisory inspection, call our front desk at (775) 328-2434, option 8.

A building permit may be required if there are plans to renovate the facility. Contact your jurisdiction's building department to determine if a building permit will be required prior to completing any work.

A business license is also required to operate a business within the City of Reno, City of Sparks, or Washoe County. Contact your jurisdiction's business licensing department regarding the application process.

How to apply for a food establishment health permit:

All NNPH applications must be completed online through the OneNV.us portal. Additional instructions on how to create a OneNV account and submit an application for a permit to operate can be found on the NNPH website at <https://www.nnph.org/resources/health-forms/index.php> under the heading Environmental Health Services.

When applying for a health permit, a full menu/product list and a completed [Food Establishment Review](#) form must be uploaded as supplementary documents. Failure to complete and/or upload these documents may result in the application being rejected and possible delays in permit issuance.

What happens next:

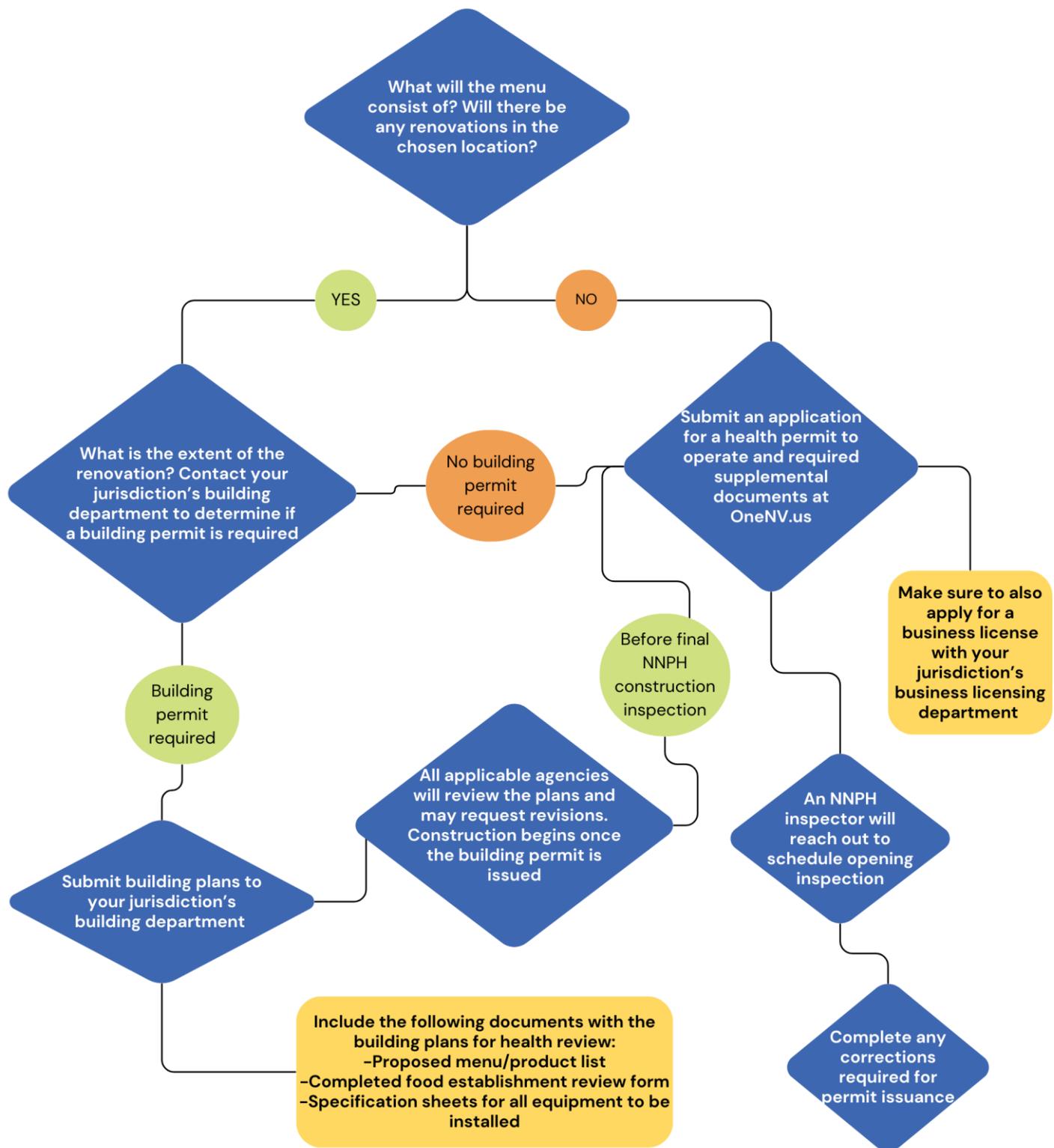
A member of our permitting team will contact you to schedule an opening inspection once your application is received and processed. Reinspection(s) may be required prior to permit issuance if additional corrections are identified during the opening inspection.

Local building and business licensing departments:

[City of Reno Building Department](#) [City of Sparks Building Department](#) [Washoe County Building Department](#)

[City of Reno Business License](#) [City of Sparks Business License](#) [Washoe County Business License](#)





Additional Resources Regulations of the Washoe County District Board of Health Governing Food Establishments:

https://www.nnph.org/files/ehs/regulations/Food_Regs_12-08-2021.pdf

NNPH Food Protection Services Resource Library:

<https://www.nnph.org/programs-and-services/environmental-health/food-protection-services/Resource-Library.php>

NNPH Environmental Health Services Fee Schedule:

<https://nnph.org/resources/fees/ehs-fees.php>