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| Charlotte, NC | RESTAURANT- an establishment designed, in whole or in part, to accommodate the consumption of food and/or beverages. |
| North Carolina ABC Definition | RESTAURANT: An establishment substantially engaged in the business of preparing and serving meals. To qualify as a restaurant, an establishment's gross receipts from food and nonalcoholic beverages shall be not less than thirty percent (30%) of the total gross receipts from food, nonalcoholic beverages, and alcoholic beverages. A restaurant shall also have a kitchen and an inside dining area with seating for at least 36 people. |
| | EATING ESTABLISHMENT: An establishment engaged in the business of regularly and customarily selling food, primarily to be eaten on the premises. Eating establishments shall include businesses that are referred to as restaurants, cafeterias, or cafes, but that do not qualify under (6), below. Eating establishments shall also include lunch stands, grills, snack bars, fast-food businesses, and other establishments, such as drugstores, which have a lunch counter or other section where food is sold to be eaten on the premises. |
| Baltimore, MD | RESTAURANT - means an establishment at which: (i) food and drinks are provided to the public, primarily for onpremises2 consumption by seated patrons; and (ii) if the establishment also serves alcoholic beverages: (a) a full menu of food and drinks is prepared primarily on premises; and (b) annually, the average daily receipts from the sale of food exceeds 50% of the establishment's total average daily receipts, not including sales of novelty items, income from vending machines, cover charges, or other receipts not derived from the sale of food or beverages. Restaurant does not include a carry-out food shop. |
| Columbia SC | RESTAURANT - means a place of business where food, drinks or refreshments are prepared and sold to customers primarily for consumption on or off the premises. This term shall include but not be limited to an establishment known as a cafe, lunch counter, cafeteria, eating and drinking establishment or other similar business. This definition does not include establishments that sell food or beverages as an accessory use or for off-premises preparation or consumption, such as a retail grocery store, convenience store, or deli. |
| Davidson, NC | RESTAURANT - means an establishment engaged in the business of regularly and customarily selling food, primarily to be eaten on the premises, including businesses that are referred to as restaurants, cafes, grills, snack bars, and other establishments which have a lunch counter or other section where food is sold to be eaten on the premises. |

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| Huntersville, NC | COMMERCIAL USE - A category of uses that includes retail establishments, offices, professional and personal services, light manufacturing and assembly, branch banks, financial services, health care services, indoor motion picture theatres, conference centers, laboratories and associated research facilities whose products or waste products entail no special environmental handling requirements, studios, broadcast facilities (excluding towers), inns, theatres, restaurants without drive-through windows, bars, and day care facility as a principle use. |
| Miami/Dade County, FL | RESTAURANT - A building, room or rooms, not operated as a dining room in connection with a hotel, where food is prepared and served to a group of families, a club or to the public and for consumption on the premises. |
| Phoenix, AZ | RESTAURANT - an establishment other than a boarding house where meals which are prepared therein may be secured by the public. |
| Raleigh, NC | EATING ESTABLISHMENT - A place where food is cooked, put together, portioned, set out or handed out in unpackaged portions for human consumption, which can include restaurants, cafeterias, cafes, lunch stands, grills, snack bars, fast-food businesses, delicatessens, ice cream parlors, soda fountains, coffee shops, donut shops, pizzerias, carry-out restaurants, dairy bars and oyster bars. |
| Seattle, WA | RESTAURANT - means a use in which food and/or beverage preparation and service is provided for individual consumption either on- or off-premise, and in which any service of alcoholic beverages is accessory to the service of food. |