



## **Public Service Announcement**

## **Residents Must Obtain a Business License to Sell Prepared Foods**

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With more Iqalummiut turning to Facebook to buy and sell prepared foods, the City is reminding residents that they must obtain a valid business license to sell foods and of the importance of proper food handling.

If a person is found to be operating a business in violation of Bylaw 859, they shall receive a written notice of their offence or offences and be given seven calendar days to take sufficient action to be in accordance with this Bylaw. Failure to do so may result in a fine of \$250 to \$10,000, depending on the size of business and the number of offenses in a calendar year.

As a reminder, Nunavut Inuit do not require a business license to sell country food, and giving free food away does not require a business license.

The City recognizes the benefits of home cooking as a healthy activity for families and individuals. The City also encourages entrepreneurship among Iqalummiut. If you have questions about how to apply for a business license, please visit https://business.city.iqaluit.nu.ca/ or contact Geoff Byrne at G.Byrne@iqaluit.ca or 867-979-5619.

For more information on starting a business in Nunavut, please see: https://gov.nu.ca/edt/information/seven-steps-help-you-start-your-business

Please see the following recommended documents for more information on safe food handing: Government of Nunavut's Food Safety Basics:

https://livehealthy.gov.nu.ca/en/healthy-eating/food-safety-basics

Government of Nunavut's Serving Country Food Guide:

http://www.nunavutfoodsecurity.ca/sites/default/files/news/Serving%20country%20food.pdf