



**PROWERS COUNTY**  
**PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT**

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**AFFIDAVIT - RESTRICTIONS ON PUBLIC BENEFITS**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, swear or affirm under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Colorado that (check one):

- I am a United States citizen, or
- I am a Permanent Resident of the United States, or
- I am lawfully present in the United States pursuant to Federal law.

I understand that this sworn statement is required by law because I have applied for a public benefit. I understand that state law requires me to provide proof that I am lawfully present in the United States prior to receipt of this public benefit. I further acknowledge that making a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation in this sworn affidavit is punishable under the criminal laws of Colorado as perjury in the second degree under Colorado Revised Statute 18-8-503 and it shall constitute a separate criminal offense each time a public benefit is fraudulently received.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Firm's Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Firm's Site Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Unit City Zip



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Subject: Implementation of C.R.S. 24 – 76.5 – 101, et. seq., “Restrictions on Public Benefits” (House Bill 1023)

To Whom It May Concern:

You will find an affidavit included with your retail food license application/renewal on the opposite side of this letter. All licenses, certifications, and registrations issued to individual owners or sole proprietors by Prowers County Public Health and Environment must be accompanied by verification of citizenship. **Verification includes (1.) completing the affidavit and (2.) providing a notarized copy of an approved identification or (3.) an on-site visit to Prowers County Public Health and Environment with the approved identification, along with the affidavit to sign on site.** Approved identification includes:

- A valid Colorado driver’s license or a Colorado identification card
- A United States military card or a military dependent’s identification card
- A United States Coast Guard Merchant Marine card
- A Native American Tribal Document

You may access a notary in your area by conducting a search through directory assistance for “public notaries.” A notary could possibly be available at local banks, insurance agencies, and at governmental offices. If you choose to bring your approved identification and sign the affidavit in the office of Prowers County Public Health and Environment, our business hours are Monday through Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm.

C.R.S., 24 – 76.5 – 101 “Restrictions on Public Benefits” became effective August 1, 2006, and requires “each agency or political subdivision of the state” to verify the lawful presence in the United States of every applicant for public benefits. The law requires the verification of citizenship in order for persons eighteen years of age and older to receive certain benefits, or obtain a license or certification from the department. If the recipient of the benefit is under eighteen years of age, the law does not apply.

If an applicant does not have a permanent address in Colorado, an application for a waiver may be made. This is done through the Colorado Department of Motor Vehicles. For further information, please see the Colorado Department of Revenue website at [http://www.revenue.state.co.us/EDO\\_dir/wrap.asp?incl=LawfulPresenceDetails](http://www.revenue.state.co.us/EDO_dir/wrap.asp?incl=LawfulPresenceDetails) . Documentation of this waiver is required by this agency prior to licensure if the applicant does not have a permanent Colorado address.

If you need assistance in complying with this law or if there is additional information of which you feel we need to be aware, please do not hesitate to contact this agency at (719) 336-8721.