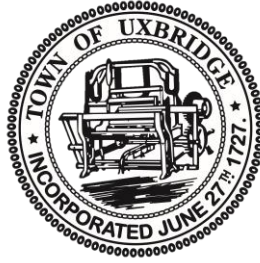


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January 9, 2019

Dear Food Establishment Owner/Operator/Person in Charge:

The purpose of this letter is to bring to your attention a staffing change and some recent changes to State Sanitary Code as it relates to your Food Establishment.

NEW FOOD INSPECTOR

The Uxbridge Board of Health (BOH) appointed Joan Clarico to the position of Food Inspector on December 18, 2019. Ms. Clarico has over 20 years of food experience working as an executive chef, chef owner/operator, lead culinary instructor, and most recently as a Food Safety Trainer, Consultant and ServeSafe Instructor. The Board of Health is excited to welcome Ms. Clarico to town and believe she will be instrumental in helping all Food Establishments become compliant with the new food code changes.

UPDATED FOOD ESTABLISHMENT REQUIREMENTS

The MA Department of Public Health (DPH) amended 105 CMR 590.000: State Sanitary Code Chapter X: Minimum Sanitation Standards for Food Establishments (the Retail Food Code) to include sections of the 2013 FDA Food Code with amendments made by FDA in 2015. These changes became effective on October 5, 2018, and all Food Establishments are required to comply with its standards. The new merged Retail Food Code and other important resources can be found at: <https://www.uxbridge-ma.gov/board-health/pages/food-safety>.

The updates to the State Sanitary Code are going to change the way routine health inspections are conducted in your Food Establishments; because of this there are steps that each establishment must take to be in full compliance. Enclosed you will find guidance documents including a **Pre-Inspection Checklist** with recommended steps that each establishment take to be ready for your first inspection under the updated code.

2013 FOOD CODE TRAINING

The Uxbridge Board of Health will be holding two free training sessions for all for Food Establishments on the 2013 Food Code. This training will provide our establishments with an opportunity to discuss any questions they may have regarding the 2013 Food Code. It is strongly recommended that a Person In Charge from each Food Establishment attends the training.

Thursday, January 23rd at 3pm OR Tuesday, January 28th at 11am

Location: Uxbridge Fire Department Conference Room, 31 South Main St, Uxbridge

Please RSVP to boh@uxbridge-ma.gov or (508)278-8600 x8 with preferred date.

Please note that the Food Inspector will enforce the 2013 Food Code during all routine inspections. It is expected that all establishments are in full compliance of the 2013 Food Code during routine inspections. We are strongly encouraging everyone to take advantage of this free training. As a local Board of Health, it is our regulatory responsibility to assist our Food Establishments through this transition, and to continue to ensure Uxbridge's Food Establishments are successful in preparing and serving safe food. Please review all enclosed material diligently.

Please note that each food establishments shall be inspected at least twice annually. If violations are found during the routine inspection, the food inspector will perform a non-compliance 1st re-inspection for no charge. Non-compliance 2nd re-inspections are charged a fee of \$75. Non-compliance 3rd re-inspections are charged a fee of \$100 or Revocation per the agent.

Thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to working together to ensure a smooth transition to the new code requirements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristin Black". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kristin Black
Health Director

Please note a copy of this letter will be posted on the Health Department website for convenient reference. Any questions regarding this matter that cannot be answered by the enclosed material may be directed to the Uxbridge Board of Health at boh@uxbridge-ma.gov or 508-278-8600 x8.