



CITY OF GARDNER
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Tuesday, May 21, 2024

Kimberly Blake
25 Baker Street
Gardner MA 01440

Dear Ms. Blake,

It has been brought to the attention of our office that you are operating have been operating a food pantry without a Food Establishment Permit. A food pantry is defined as a Food Establishment per 105 CMR 590.001-201. Be advised that a license to operate such is required under the Massachusetts Food Code, 105 CMR 590.000.

Such activities are in violation of 105 CMR 590.012A: Failure to License to Operate. As an agent for the Board of Health, and acting under the authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 111, Section 127A and 127B, I hereby order you to immediately 'Cease and Desist' any and all activities that require a permit under *105 CMR 590.000 Minimum Sanitation Standard for Food Establishments* unless and until a permit is approved. Please be aware that each day of operation without a valid permit to operate makes you subject to potential citations and fines; each day's failure to comply shall constitute a separate violation.

You may apply for a license to operate, such application is not complete without all of the normal requirements of licensure such as a copy of a valid Food Protection Manager Certificate, a valid Allergen Awareness Certificate, payment of any due fees to the City (fees are waived for a food pantry), and other requirements that may apply to the type of operation that is identified. Please contact our office for additional information on completing the correct permit application(s) related to your business.

You have a right to a hearing in the above matter. Any request for a hearing must be submitted in writing within 10 days to the Gardner Board of Health at Room 29, City Hall, 95 Pleasant St., Gardner MA. 01440. You may review any documents relevant to this matter at the office during normal business hours. The office is open between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm Monday through Thursday, and 8:00 am and 1:00 pm on Friday. At the hearing, you may be represented by an attorney, and you may submit evidence as to why this order should be modified or withdrawn.

Please contact our office if you have any questions or need any additional assistance.

For the Gardner Board of Health,

Micah Blondeau
Director of Public Health

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