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Food Establishment Kitchen Inspections Policy 2002

1. The Board of Health has the responsibility to license, inspect and monitor all food establishments. Inspections must be conducted at least twice yearly in order to be in compliance with Chapter 10 of the State Sanitary Code, 105 CMR 590. The cost of the permit is intended to defray the costs of the two required inspections.
2. One re-inspection per year will be included in the cost of the permit. When more than one re-inspection is necessitated by repeated violations, there will be a fee of fifty dollars (\$50), determined by the Board as reasonably related to the administrative costs of re-inspections, charged to the permit holder. The amount of the fee will be written on the Inspection Report. The sum of additional fees will be added to the cost of permit renewal at the end of the year.
3. The Food Establishment Inspection Report shall serve as the Board's Order for Correction of the violations listed. The food establishment permit holder has the right to a hearing regarding the Order for Correction if requested in writing and filed in the Office of the Board of Health within ten (10) days of the receipt of the Inspection Report. All violations listed in the Order for Correction shall be corrected within ten (10) days of the date of the inspection. Failure to comply with this Order may result in suspension or revocation of the food establishment permit and cessation of food establishment operation. A follow-up inspection at the end of a ten (10) day period will be conducted to ensure compliance with the Order for Correction.
4. If, after two re-inspections, the permit holder fails to implement the corrections, as indicated on the Inspection Report, the Board of Health will require the permit holder to attend a hearing to show cause before the Board as to why the said Food Establishment Permit should not be suspended or revoked in accordance with Chapter 10, Section 590.014 of the Sanitary Code.
5. A food establishment will be required to attend a hearing if there is not a person certified in food safety or if the inspections indicate that the food handlers are not demonstrating knowledge of food safety. The Food Code requires that at least one person who is certified in food safety or who has been assigned by that certified person and can demonstrate knowledge of food safety, be present at all times of operation.

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