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Legislation Text

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
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INTRODUCTORY*

CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL

Introduced by: Councilmember Scott

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning

Food Service Facilities - Public Notice of Suspensions, Revocations, and Nonrenewals

FOR the purpose of expanding the type and scope of public notices required of food service facilities that have had their licenses suspended, revoked, or denied renewal; clarifying, correcting, and conforming related provisions; and generally relating to the regulation of food service facilities.

BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

Article - Health

Section(s) 6-606

Baltimore City Revised Code
(Edition 2000)

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

Baltimore City Revised Code

Article ♦ Health

Title 6. Food Service Facilities

Subtitle 6. Suspensions and Revocations

♦♦6▲606. [Notice of suspensions] PUBLIC NOTICES.

(a) SUSPENSIONS ♦ Posting of premises.

(1) A food SERVICE facility [or other establishment] that has had its license suspended [for longer than 24 hours] must post a public notice OF THE SUSPENSION throughout the suspension period [stating the reason for the suspension].

(2) The notice must:

(I) STATE THE TERM OF AND REASONS FOR THE SUSPENSION;

(II) be in the form and tenor that the Commissioner specifies; AND

(III) BE CONSPICUOUSLY PLACED, AS DIRECTED BY THE COMMISSIONER, SO THAT IT IS VISIBLE TO AND CAN BE READ BY PASSING PEDESTRIANS.

(B) SUSPENSIONS, REVOCATIONS, AND NONRENEWALS ♦ TIMELY NOTICE THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA.

(1) PROMPTLY AFTER A FOOD SERVICE FACILITY HAS HAD ITS LICENSE SUSPENDED, REVOKED, OR DENIED RENEWAL, THE COMMISSIONER MUST PROVIDE, THROUGH 2 OR MORE SOCIAL MEDIA OUTLETS, PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE SUSPENSION, REVOCATION, OR NONRENEWAL.

(2) THE NOTICE MUST INCLUDE THE SAME INFORMATION AS THAT REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (C)(2) OF THIS SECTION FOR A WEBSITE LISTING.

(C) [(b)] SUSPENSIONS, REVOCATIONS, AND NONRENEWALS ♦ [Published] WEBSITE listings.

(1) [At least monthly, the] THE Commissioner must MAINTAIN, UPDATE AT LEAST WEEKLY, AND publish ON THE DEPARTMENT♦S WEBSITE a list of ALL food SERVICE facilities [and other establishments] that, AT ANY TIME during the preceding calendar month OR DURING THE CURRENT CALENDAR MONTH TO THE LATEST UPDATE, have had their licenses suspended, [or] revoked, or [that have been closed for health code violations] DENIED RENEWAL.

(2) The listing must [specify] INCLUDE:

(i) the name (including trade name) and address of the [establishment] FACILITY;

(ii) the effective date and term of the SUSPENSION, revocation, [suspension,] or [closing] NONRENEWAL; and

(iii) the reasons for the SUSPENSION, revocation, [suspension,] or [closing] NONRENEWAL.

[(3) The listing must be published by:

(i) posting on the Department♦s website; and

(ii) distribution to the neighborhood association(s) listed with the Department of Planning for the area(s) served by the establishment.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior Ordinance.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day after the date it is enacted.

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