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FOOD ESTABLISHMENT CATEGORIES

FOOD SERVICE

An establishment that provides seated food service that is prepared on-site.

COMMERCIAL KITCHEN

Commercial Kitchens are food preparation facilities that provide space and access to professional equipment on a lease or rental basis.

RETAIL FOOD ONLY

Retail food is all food, other than restaurant food, that is purchased by consumers and consumed off-premise. Retail food can come from grocery stores, drug stores, convenience stores, and gas stations.

HOUSE OF WORSHIP

House of worship means a building set apart primarily for the purpose of worship in which religious services are held and the main body of which is kept for that use and not put to any other use inconsistent with its primary purpose. This definition shall include, but not be limited to: chapels, churches, congregations, temples, mosques, shrines, and similar structures.

SCHOOL KITCHEN

The kitchen area used during the course of the regular school day to prepare or serve breakfast, lunch, or dinner to students in an elementary, middle, high, charter, or innovation school operated by a public school district or board of trustees pursuant to M.G.L. c. 71.

RESIDENTIAL KITCHEN (HAS OWN PERMIT APPLICATION)

A Residential Kitchen is a kitchen in a private home producing food for sale "direct to the consumer" is considered a Retail Residential Kitchen and is required to have a permit under 105 CMR 590. "Direct to the consumer" includes events like farmers markets, craft fairs, and sales by internet or mail.

Residential kitchens can only serve "cottage food products." These are foods that can be safely held at room temperature, including baked goods, jams, and jellies. Residential Kitchens may *not* prepare finished products that require hot or cold holding for safety, including meat or fish that is raw or heat-treated, certain cut produce including melons, leafy greens, and tomatoes.

MOBILE FOOD ESTABLISHMENT (HAS OWN PERMIT APPLICATION)

A Mobile Food Establishment (MFE) means a motorized vehicle or vehicle-towed trailer in which food is cooked and/or prepared to order and is served to walk up customers.

TEMPORARY FOOD ESTABLISHMENT (HAS OWN PERMIT APPLICATION)

A temporary food establishment is defined as a food establishment that operates for a period of no more than 14 consecutive days (excluding Farmers' Market participation) in conjunction with a single event or celebration where food is served to an open-ended number of participants over a period of time.

CONCESSION STAND (HAS OWN PERMIT APPLICATION)

A concession stand, snack kiosk, or snack bar is a place where consumers can purchase snacks or food at a cinema, amusement park, zoo, aquarium, circus, fair, stadium, beach, swimming pool, concert, sporting event, or other entertainment venue.