

## **CHAPTER III**

### **Food Regulations**

The following duly enacted and approved Food Regulations are hereby included and shall be known as Chapter III of the Town of Natick Health Regulations.

Enacted by Board of Health, Natick, Massachusetts, on March 4th, 1941, in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 94, Section 146.

Notice of Public Hearing by Publication in Natick Bulletin, Natick, Massachusetts, on March 7th, 1941 and March 14th, 1941.

Public Hearing held thereon - March 25th, 1941.

Approved by Department of Public Health - May 13th, 1941.

#### **Section 1.**

Premises, vehicles, receptacles, utensils or refrigerators used for the storage, sale, distribution or transportation of foodstuffs shall be maintained in a manner satisfactory to, and shall be open at all times for inspection by the Board of Health or its agents. All floor display stands shall be elevated at least eighteen inches above floor level.

#### **Section 2.**

Every person, firm, or corporation engaged in the storage, sale, distribution or transportation of foodstuffs shall cause his wares, or those under his charge, to be properly protected against all sources of contamination. No person shall expose for sale candy, delicatessen products or other foodstuffs which cannot be properly washed before consumption unless said foodstuffs are protected by glass covers or dustproof containers.

#### **Section 3.**

All persons engaged in the storage, sale, distribution or transportation of foodstuffs shall provide adequate, covered containers for the reception of waste food products, and shall cause such containers to be emptied

frequently and to be cleaned at least once a week in a manner satisfactory to the Board of Health. The vehicles of street peddlers or vendors of foodstuffs shall be construed to be included in this regulation.

#### **Section 4.**

All persons occupying premises used for the sale, dispensing or distribution of foodstuffs, shall cause such premises to be equipped with adequate toilet facilities and also adequate provision for the cleansing of the hands; except that in the case of refreshments stands the Board of Health may, in writing, waive this clause if in its judgment adequate provision is made for cleanliness.

#### **Section 5.**

Every person employed in the handling of food for public consumption shall maintain his or her person or clothes in a cleanly condition, and before beginning work and after using toilets or water closets shall wash the hands and arms thoroughly, then rinse the same in clean water.

#### **Section 6.**

No person shall keep or store any foodstuffs intended for sale in any room used for living or sleeping purposes. No person shall keep or store any foodstuffs intended for sale in any cellar, basement, stable, garage or other out-building unless the Board of health has first given written permission therefor.

#### **Section 7.**

The owner, proprietor or manager of any establishment selling or dispensing liquids, beverages, drinks, food or other refreshments for consumption in or about the place of sale or dispensing shall cause all glasses, cups, spoons, forks and other utensils used in such consumption to be thoroughly cleansed and scoured with soap, and clean, hot water before use by another person. Individual cups and containers made with paper or similar material may be employed in lieu of dishes and said cups or containers, shall be destroyed after a single usage.

## **Section 8.**

The owner, proprietor or manager of any establishment storing or selling food, confectionery or beverages shall cause the premises, toilets used in connection therewith, compartments, or receptacles, utensils, ice-chests, refrigerators, vehicles and equipment used in the storage or sale of foods, confectionery or beverages to be cleansed in a manner satisfactory to, and open at all times to inspection by the Board of Health or its agents.

(The operation of bakeries and slaughter houses, and the manufacture of sausages and non-alcoholic beverages are regulated under the General Laws as follows):

Bakeries: Chapter 94, Section 2-10

Chapter 111, Sections 34-39

Slaughter Houses: Chapter 94, Sections 118-139

Sausages: Chapter 94, Sections 142-145

Chapter 94, Sections 186-195

Non-Alcoholic Beverages: Chapter 94, Section 10A-10B.

## **Section 9. Separability**

So far as the Board of Health may provide each section of these rules and regulations shall be construed as separate to the end that if any section, sentence, clause or phrase shall be held invalid for any reason, the remainder of the rules and regulations shall continue in full force.

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## **Section 10. Penalty**

(a) Criminal Complaint - Whoever violates any provision of these rules and regulations may be penalized by indictment or on complaint brought in the District Court. Except as may otherwise be provided by law, and as the District Court may see fit to impose, the maximum penalty for any violation of these provisions shall be \$300.00 for each offense.

(b) Non-Criminal Disposition - Whoever violates any provision of these rules and regulations may, in the discretion of the Health Agent, be penalized by a non-criminal complaint in the District Court pursuant to the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 21D. For the purpose of this provision the penalty to apply in the event of a violation shall be as follows: \$50.00 for the first offense; \$100.00 for the second offense; \$200.00 for the third offense; and \$300.00 for the fourth and each subsequent offense. Each day on which a violation exists shall be deemed to be a separate offense.

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