CCHD Announces Draft Revisions to it’s Regulatory Code

The Central Connecticut Health District (CCHD) operates under the provisions of a Sanitary Code (the Code). The Code was originally adopted in 2007 and consists of the Health District’s rules and regulations governing the areas we license including food service establishments, public swimming pools, motels and rooming units and salons and barbershops. This Code is in effect throughout the Health District’s four member towns and was last revised in 2010. It is being revised at this time to reflect changes in current codes, regulations and ordinances, including the Connecticut Public Health Code. Additional changes have been made to streamline the chapters and more closely reflect how the Code is currently enforced.

The text of the 2007 Code, as amended in 2010, and the 2020 proposed Code are available on the CCHD website at www.ccthd.org. CCHD will be hosting a series of informational sessions on December 13, 2020 for the regulated community to ask questions and express ideas or concerns. Please call CCHD at 860 785-8380 x203 for more details on session times. Comments on the proposed revisions can also be submitted in writing up until December 30, 2020. Please address comments to CCHD, attention Barbara Gigliotti, at 2080 Silas Deane Highway, Rocky Hill, CT 06067

The portion of the Code affecting your business is: **2020 Revised Sanitary Code – Chapter 2 Food Establishments**

This chapter was updated to reflect some of the changes made when Connecticut adopted the FDA Model Food Code (FDA Code). It is noted that although Connecticut has adopted the FDA Code, it is still not in full effect. The date for full implementation is unknown. Additional changes to this chapter will be required when the FDA Code goes into full effect.

Some license categories (seasonal licenses, mobile vendor licenses) were refined to reflect how we license vendors. The administrative sections of this chapter were consolidated into Chapter 1, General Provisions, and removed from Chapter 2. The following summarizes additional changes to Chapter 2.

**Section 2.1 Definitions** This includes changes in terminology and additional definitions to clarify terms and align with the FDA Code definitions.

**Section 2.2 Specific Requirements for Food Establishments and Food Vendors** This section was added and details general expectations, and clarifies several licensing protocols.

**Section 2.3 Submission of Plans** This section covers submission of plans for review prior to construction or renovation. The revised section adds details on what is required for an application to be complete.

**Section 2.4 Hold Orders and Condemnation of Food.** This section is the same as the existing Sanitary Code except it adds the requirement that condemned food must be denatured immediately in the presence of CCHD.

**Section 2.5 Food From Establishments Outside the District** No change.

**Section 2.6 NEW Caterers** Requires a Base of Operations; includes requirements for food transport, maintaining proper temperatures, cleanliness; and the requirement to obtain a temporary food license when catering a public event (see definition of public event).
Section 2.7  NEW Mobile Food Vendors  Requires a Base of Operations; includes requirements for food transport, maintaining proper temperatures, cleanliness; and the requirement to obtain a temporary food license when serving at a public event. Requires mechanical refrigeration on mobile food vending trucks and trailers.