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April 20, 2022

Re: Important notice from your local health department regarding new permitting and inspection program for your business

Dear Establishment Owner/Operator:

The purpose of this letter is to notify all owners and operators of **barbershops, nail salons, hair salons, and other cosmetology businesses** of significant changes to our agencies oversight of your business operations. Many of you will recall, the Eastern Highlands Health District (EHHD) started an initiative in 2020 to implement an annual routine sanitary inspection program for your business. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the EHHD was compelled to pause the implementation of this program. With the waning of the pandemic, *the implementation of this program is once again moving forward.*

Many of you are aware that **Public Act 19-117, Section 196 mandates the local health department conduct an annual routine sanitary inspection of your business operations.** To date, the Eastern Highlands Health District (EHHD) does not conduct such annual inspections of your business. As part of our efforts to comply with this state statute, **the EHHD will tentatively begin conducting routine annual sanitary inspections beginning in July 2022,** as part of the new permitting and inspection program. The exact timing on the implementation of this program has not yet been determined.

To assure the effectiveness, consistency, and professionalism of this new inspection and permitting program the EHHD is proposing new local sanitary codes that set fees, define inspection standards consistent with state guidelines, detail the permitting process, and enforcement protocols for the program. Because this permitting and inspection program will be effecting your business we want to provide you an opportunity to be involved in the process to develop this new local sanitary code.

Towards this end, we have scheduled an informational and feedback event for business owners and operators. This is an addition to the event we hosted in 2020. At this event the proposed local sanitary code, along with a timeline for implementation will be presented. A question, answer, and comment period will be provided. ***The presentation is scheduled for Monday May 9, 2022, 2:00 pm, at the Mansfield Town Hall Council Chambers, 4 South Eagleville Road, Storrs CT, 06268.*** We strongly encourage you, or your representative to attend this event. (If due to a hardship you or your representative are unable to attend in person, a virtual

participation option is available. Please call our main office at 860-429-3325 for additional information on the virtual option.)

To facilitate your feedback, and allow adequate time to prepare your questions or comments, we have enclosed a *draft* copy of the new local sanitary code, and the associated field inspection form for your review.

To clarify, this is an opportunity to provide comments and feedback on this code before it becomes law. There will be an *additional* opportunity to provide feedback when the code goes to a public hearing. The public hearing is tentatively scheduled for June 16, 2022, pending action by the EHHD board of directors.

We sincerely hope you choose to participate in this important process.

Yours in Health,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert L. Miller".

Robert L. Miller, MPH, RS
Director of Health

Enclosures: Draft Salon Sanitary Code
Draft Inspection form
Public Act 19-117, Section 196