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Armando J. Perez
Chief of Police
Bridgeport Police Department
300 Congress Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Dear Chief Perez:

This letter is to advise you that the following establishment listed below has been closed by the Bridgeport Health Department due to unlicensed establishment.

Snack Shop located at 604 Newfield Ave, Bridgeport, CT 06607.

We ask that you forward this letter to the proper division in your department so that we can ensure the establishment remains closed.

We will notify you when the establishment will be allowed to re-open.

Thank you in advance, I remain.

Very truly yours,

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Order to Close

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Damion Smith
604 Newfield Ave
Bridgeport, CT 06607

RE: Order to Close Grocery Store – Snack Shop, 604 Newfield Ave Bridgeport, CT 06607

Dear Damion Smith,

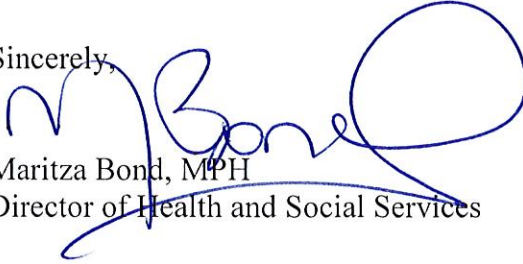
According to Bridgeport City Chapter 8.20.330 Ordinance, “No grocery store, bakery, meat market or other establishment selling food or any other substances used or intended to be used for human consumption off the premises shall be maintained in the city unless licensed by the Director of Health and Social Services.

(Ord. dated 1/7/19)

Our record indicates that you are operating without Bridgeport Health Department Food Establishment and Tobacco licenses.

Therefore, you are hereby ordered to close your establishment until Bridgeport Health Department receives required documents and licenses fees paid.

Sincerely,


Maritza Bond, MPH
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RIGHT OF APPEAL: Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 19a-229 states "Any person aggrieved by an order issued by a town, city or borough director of health may appeal to the Commissioner of Public Health not later than three business days after the date of such person's receipt of such order, shall thereupon immediately notify the authority from whose order the appeal was taken, and examine into the merits of such case, and may vacate modify, or affirm such order."

- (1) You may appeal the order by delivering your written appeal to the Department not later than three business days after you receive the order. You may deliver it to the Department either in person or by facsimile. The Department's address and facsimile numbers are:

**Department of Public Health
Public Health Hearing Office
410 Capitol Avenue MS 13 PHO
P. O. Box 340308
Hartford, CT 06134-0308
Facsimile: (860) 509-7553**

If you choose this method of appeal, you need do nothing more to perfect your appeal, unless instructed otherwise by the Department.

- (2) You may also appeal the order by calling the Department not later than three business days after receipt of the order at one of the following numbers: (860) 509-7648 or (888) 891-9177. It is sufficient to leave a message with your name, number and a description of the order you are appealing. If you appeal the order by calling one of the telephone numbers listed above, the telephone call must be followed up with a written notice of appeal that must be received by the Department within ten days of the telephonic notice.

PLEASE NOTE: It is not sufficient that the written notification be postmarked within ten days. It must be received by the department within ten days. Delays caused by the Post Office will not excuse failure to comply with this requirement.

The written notice of appeal following the telephonic notice may be delivered to the Department in person, by facsimile or by first class or certified mail. The Department's address and facsimile number are printed above. If you choose to send the written notice of appeal by first class mail or certified mail, please use the address provided below.

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The Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies provide:

Sec. 19a-9-8: Date due when due date falls on a date the department is closed. If the last day any statutory or regulatory time frame falls on a day on which the department is closed, any paper may be filed or any required action may be taken on the next business day the department is open. Such filing or action shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as if done prior to the expiration of the time frame.

Sec. 19a-9-14: Appeals of orders issued by a town, city, borough or district director of health.
[Subsections (a), (c), (d), (e) and (f)]

- (a) Any person aggrieved by an order issued by a local director of health may appeal said order to the commissioner.
- (b) The notice of appeal shall be filed with the commissioner not later than three business days after the date of such person's receipt of such order.
- (c) The notice of appeal shall state:
- (1) the name, address and telephone number of the person claiming to be aggrieved;
 - (2) the name of the issuing authority;
 - (3) the way in which the order adversely affects the person claiming to be aggrieved;
 - (4) the order being appealed; and
 - (5) the grounds for appeal.
- (d) **Telephone notice of appeal to the office of the commissioner shall be satisfactory as the initial notice of appeal, provided written notice of appeal from the person claiming to be aggrieved is received by the department within ten (10) days of the telephonic notice.**
- (e) An appeal from an order issued by a town, city, borough or district director of health shall be a de novo proceeding in accordance with the regulations governing contested cases as set forth in sections 19a-9-1 through 19a-9-29 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.
- (f) Any order issued by a town, city, borough or district director of health shall include a notice of the right to appeal which shall indicate the name and telephone number of the commissioner or the commissioner's designee, and shall be accompanied by copies of sections 19a-9-8 and 19a-9-14 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.



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ITEM # 1

VIOLATION: Public Health Code 19-13-B42 (g), (n)

OBSERVATION: Expired foods on shelves in grocery area.

CORRECTION: Discard expired food and check packaged foods periodically.

ITEM #7

VIOLATION: Public Health Code 19-13-B42 (f), (n), (1)

OBSERVATION: Missing light shield in grocery area.

CORRECTION: Install light shield in front and rear grocery area.

ITEM #16

VIOLATION: Public Health Code 19-13-B42 (i)

OBSERVATION: Excessive ice build- up in reach- in freezer.

CORRECTION: Remove ice build- up in reach-in freezer.

ITEM #17

VIOLATION: Public Health Code 19-13-B42 (i)

OBSERVATION: Wooden shelves in rear candy shelf area.

CORRECTION: Remove wooden shelves.

ITEM #42

VIOLATION: Public Health Code 19-13-B42 (a)

OBSERVATION: Dead insects in reach- in cooler.

CORRECTION: Have establishment service by a Connecticut licensed exterminator.



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ITEM #43

VIOLATION: Public Health Code 19-13-B42 (d)

OBSERVATION: Front door open.

CORRECTION: Closed front door entrance and install a screen.

ITEM #44

VIOLATION: Public Health Code 19-13-B42 (b)

OBSERVATION: Unclean floors throughout establishment.

CORRECTION: Clean and sanitize floors.

ITEM #49

VIOLATION: Public Health Code 19-13-B42 (c)

OBSERVATION: Holes in wall in grocery store area.

CORRECTION: Repair hole in wall in grocery area.

ITEM #43

VIOLATION: Public Health Code 19-13-B42 (d)

OBSERVATION: Front door open.

CORRECTION: Closed front door entrance and install a screen.

ITEM #51

VIOLATION: Public Health Code 19-13-B42 (e)

OBSERVATION: Inadequate lighting in grocery area and reach-in cooler.

CORRECTION: Install more lighting in the grocery area and reach- in cooler.



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ITEM #26

VIOLATION: Public Health Code 19-13-B42 (j) (4)

OBERVATION: Plastic outer covering of packaged foods unclean.

CORRECTION: Maintain outer covering of packaged foods clean.

ITEM #26

VIOLATION: Public Health Code 19-13-B42 (j) (4)

OBERVATION: Interior of reach- in cooler unclean.

CORRECTION: Clean and sanitize reach-in cooler.

ITEM #27

VIOLATION: Public Health Code 19-13-B42 (j) (4)

OBERVATION: Dusty shelves in the grocery store area.

CORRECTION: Clean and sanitize shelves in grocery area.

ITEM #41

VIOLATION: Public Health Code 19-13-B42 (a)

OBERVATION: Waste piled by rear yard.

CORRECTION: Remove waste in rear yard.

ITEM #55

VIOLATION: Public Health Code 19-13-B42 (d)

OBERVATION: Unnecessary articles in rear grocery store area.

CORRECTION: Remove unnecessary articles throughout the rear grocery store area.



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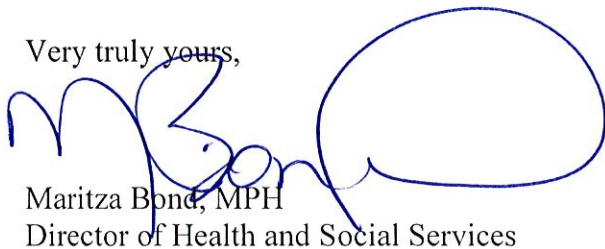
Terms for re- opening the establishment shall be as follows:

- Provide Retail Grocery and tobacco license payments at the Bridgeport Health Department.
- Also, the following item numbers must be corrected # 1, 7, 17, 42, 43, 44, 49, 51, 16, 26, 27, 41 and 55

Note:

- Observed exposed wires throughout establishment and gas valve on the right front side of the grocery store. Observation forwarded to fire marshal office.
- Observed thick wood holding ceiling structure at front grocery store area. This observation will be forwarded to Building Department
- Worker voluntarily close for establishment and will remain close until authorized by the Bridgeport Health Department

Very truly yours,



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