



Regulations for Bed & Breakfast Operation

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Purpose and Scope:

To ensure compliance and food safety in all Bed & Breakfast operations, the Dighton Board of Health has adopted the following regulation.

Authority:

This regulation is promulgated pursuant to the authority granted to the Dighton Board of Health by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 111, section 31 which states "Boards of Health may make reasonable health regulations".

Definitions:

Bed & Breakfast operation – a private owner-occupied house where rooms are let with a breakfast (food/beverages).

Operating a Bed & Breakfast permit requirements:

Bed & Breakfast operations are unique, in that they are establishments in a private home that are allowed to be used to prepare food for public consumption, rather than just their typical use of filling the needs of the individuals that reside in the home. In order for an applicant to be considered for a Bed & Breakfast Operations permit in Dighton, the applicant must meet these minimum requirements:

- Bed & Breakfast operations shall demonstrate they have an approved/safe water source annually. Rental properties are required to comply with CMR 410.000 Minimum Housing Regulations, and Title V regulations 310 CMR15 shall be required. All complaints will be investigated.
- Bed & Breakfast operation shall not sell or serve food unless it has been approved to do so and has obtained a valid permit from the Board of Health.
- Bed & Breakfast operations that require a food establishment permit shall comply with the minimum requirements of 105 CMR 590.000.

- Bed & Breakfast operations which require a permit shall be inspected by the Board of Health upon application for an original permit, within the six months prior to renewal of a permit, and at least once a year for the enforcement of 105 CMR 590.00.
- Food preparation and protection: Residential kitchens in a Bed & Breakfast operation 105 CMR: Department of Public Health 590.010.

This regulation shall be effective February 1, 2019 and will coincide with the annual permitting. The fee for this permit will correspond with the current fee schedule.

Violations:

It shall be the responsibility of the establishment, permit holder, and/or his or her designee to ensure compliance with this regulation.


Enforcement:

Enforcement of this regulation shall be by the Dighton Board of Health or its designated agent(s).


Severability:

If any provisions of this regulation are declared invalid or unenforceable, the other provisions shall not be affected thereby but shall continue in full force and effect.

Approved by a vote on January 23, 2019.


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