

City of Beverly Health Department

90 Colon Street, Beverly, MA 01915

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Website: <http://www.beverlypublichealth.org/>

FOOD PERMITS AND OTHER LICENSES AND PERMITS ISSUED BY THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The Health Department provides information on a myriad of health-related matters and administers several programs. The most common business inquiry the Health Department receives is for permits to operate a restaurant, catering or other business that serves food. The Health Department requires that businesses comply with the federal Food Code incorporated within the Commonwealth's Sanitary Code. Due to the nature and complexity of some business operations the *Health Department strongly encourages individuals to contact them as early as possible* to describe their situation so that Health Department staff may assist in identifying the permits required and forms to be completed.

Here is a brief list of some business types that would require permitting/licensing from the Health Department:

- food establishment or activity involving the sale of food
- food preparation or manufacturing for resale
- tanning facilities
- body art establishments and practitioners (tattooing and piercing)
- any project requiring a septic system installation, repair or upgrade
- public/semi-public swimming pool or special purpose pools
- companies that provide and service dumpsters
- tobacco sales permits
- recreational camps for children
- institutions using "regulated biological agents"

The Beverly Health Department's website is an excellent resource at www.beverlypublichealth.org. It includes a pull down menu for health codes and one section, under the category of "Sanitary Codes", is specifically devoted to food service.

The Health Department frequently works with the Municipal Inspections/Building Department if work being permitted must meet health code standards. For instance, no work may commence at an existing or proposed food establishment without approval from the Municipal Inspections and Health Departments.

Permit Fees

The Health Department has a detailed fee schedule on it's website at www.beverlypublichealth.org.

****Common Victualler License****

If a person has on their premises the necessary implements and facilities for cooking, preparing and serving food for strangers and travelers then they require a Common Victualler License. This license is NOT ISSUED by the Health Department. It is issued

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by the City of Beverly's Licensing Board. To apply for a Common Victualler License contact Martha Lewis, the Clerk of the Licensing Board (and the Mayor's Executive Secretary) at 978-605-2333 or via email at mlewis@beverlyma.gov