

HOWARD COUNTY

DETERMINING SIGNS OF RAT INFESTATION OR RAT HARBORAGE. IF THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT RATS HAVE BEEN PRESENT, THEY MAY ORDER, BY WRITTEN NOTICE, EITHER THE OWNER, OCCUPANT, AGENT OR ANY OTHER PERSON IN CUSTODY OF THE BUSINESS STRUCTURE TO HAVE THE BUILDING RAT-PROOFED IMMEDIATELY ACCORDING TO RULES AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THIS SUB-TITLE, REGARDLESS OF THE NEED FOR REMODELING OF OR REPAIRS TO THE STRUCTURE. THEY MAY FURTHER ORDER THAT RAT CONTROL MEASURES ON THE PREMISES, AS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE HEALTH OFFICER OR [[BUILDING INSPECTOR,]] HIS AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES, BE UNDERTAKEN IMMEDIATELY TO ERADICATE ALL RATS PRESENT AND TO MAINTAIN THE STRUCTURE FREE OF RATS. THE WRITTEN NOTICE AND ORDER SHALL SPECIFY THE TIME, IN NO EVENT LESS THAN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS, FOR COMPLETION OF THE RAT-STOPPAGE WORK. UNLESS THE WORK AND IMPROVEMENTS ARE COMPLETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WRITTEN ORDER AND NOTICE OR WITHIN THE TIME TO WHICH A WRITTEN EXTENSION MAY HAVE BEEN GRANTED BY THE HEALTH OFFICER OR [[BUILDING INSPECTORS,]] HIS AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE, THE OWNER, OCCUPANT, AGENT OR ANY OTHER PERSON IN CUSTODY OF THE FOOD BUSINESS STRUCTURE SHALL BE DEEMED GUILTY OF AN OFFENSE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUB-TITLE.

[[3]] 12.707 INSPECTIONS OF RAT-PROOF MEASURES

THE HEALTH OFFICER [[AND BUILDING INSPECTOR]] OR HIS AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE ARE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE INSPECTIONS DURING THE COURSE OF AND UPON COMPLETION OF ANY CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, REMODELING OR INSTALLATION OF RAT CONTROL MEASURES TO FOOD BUSINESS STRUCTURES TO INSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUB-TITLE.

[[3]] 12.708 PENALTY

ANY PERSONS, FIRM OR CORPORATION THAT SHALL VIOLATE ANY PROVISION OR PROVISIONS OF THIS SUB-TITLE SHALL BE GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR UPON CONVICTION AND SHALL BE PUNISHED BY A FINE NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) AND BY IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS, EACH DAY OF VIOLATION CONSTITUTING A SEPARATE OFFENSE.

[[3]] 12.709 COMPLAINTS

ANY BUILDING INSPECTOR, THE HEALTH OFFICER LIQUOR INSPECTOR, OR HIS AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR ANY OTHER PERSON MAY MAKE A COMPLAINT TO THE BOARD OF