

**HARRISON COUNTY ORDINANCE 2014-03  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING HARRISON COUNTY ORDINANCE 2004-16**

**WHEREAS** the Board of Commissioners of Harrison County, Indiana, (the“County”) desires to amend the existing Restaurant Inspection and Placard System established under Harrison County Ordinance 2004-16; and

**WHEREAS** the County believes that such amendments to the County’s Restaurant Inspection and Placard System will better protect the public health and safety of the citizens of Harrison County; and

**WHEREAS** the changes to the County’s Restaurant Inspection and Placard System will bring the county ordinances into compliance with the requirements of the Indiana State Board of Health;

**NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE ORDAINED** by the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF HARRISON COUNTY, INDIANA that the existing Restaurant Inspection and Placard System Ordinance (2004-16) be amended as follows:

**Article 1. Issuance and Posting of Placard; Section 1.** shall now read as follows:

The Board of Health shall issue, or cause to be issued, an inspection results placard and a copy of the inspection report at the time of each inspection of a food service establishment within its jurisdiction. The placard shall show the name and address of the food service establishment for which it is issued, shall be approximately 8 ½ inches by 11 inches in size, and shall contain, in summary fashion, the results of the most recent Inspection Report and the Rating Score recorded therein, for the particular food service establishment.

**Article 1. Issuance and Posting of Placard; Section 2.** shall now read as follows:

Each food service establishment shall post on the customer entrance doors inside the establishment, in a location conspicuous to the public, the results placard and a copy of the inspection report issued by the Health Department. The Health Officer or his designee shall have the authority and responsibility for establishing the location of the placard, and for issuing the placard at the time of each inspection of a food service establishment where an Inspection Report is completed.

**Article 1. Issuance and Posting of Placard; Section 3.** shall now read as follows:

The placard and copy of the inspection report shall remain the property of the Harrison County Health Department. No person shall move, remove, alter, deface, or conceal from public view the placard posted pursuant to this regulation or the food service establishment shall be fined \$50.00 for each day the placard is unavailable for public viewing.

Article 2.           Inspections

Section 1. Each food service establishment shall be subject to routine (unannounced) inspections and, if necessary, scheduled re-inspections.

Section 2. A food service establishment which meets or exceeds minimum standards (no uncorrected critical violations) shall post the inspection report placard until the next routine inspection.

Section 3. A food service establishment which fails to meet minimum standards by receiving uncorrected critical violations shall post the inspection results placard for a period of at least seven (7) consecutive days. A scheduled reinspection shall be made after ten (10) working days. If, in the opinion of the inspector, a new inspection results placard would more accurately report to the public the conditions of the establishment upon reinspection, then a new inspection results placard may be prepared and posted.

Section 4. If, upon any reinspection, the results of the inspection of the establishment is reported to be no uncorrected critical violations or higher, a new inspection results placard shall be posted for the establishment, provided such posting is not in conflict with any section of this Ordinance.

**Article 7. ABC Placards** shall now read as follows:

For purposes of calculating an inspection score and letter grade, non-critical violations will be given a point value of 1.5 points per violation and critical violations will be given a point value of 3 points per violation. The total number of violation points shall be subtracted from 100 points.

**"A" Placard:** (Very Good). Acknowledges safe food handling practices and designates a facility as meeting all health code requirements without critical violations. An "A" placard shall be given when there are no critical violations and the overall score is between 94 and 100%. An "A" placard may only be given during an unannounced inspection. The "A" placard shall remain posted until the next routine inspection.

**"B" Placard:** (Passed). Acknowledges a food facility has met minimum requirements but may have had a critical violation that was corrected during the inspection. The overall score is between 87 and 93%. The "B" placard shall remain posted until the next routine inspection.

**"C" Placard:** (Poor). Indicates that a food service facility has failed to meet minimum requirements. This will include a score of 86% and below and may include critical violations that are not immediately correctable. The "C" placard shall be placed for a minimum of seven (7) days. A second (scheduled) follow-up inspection will be conducted after ten (10) business days and the applicable placard posted.

**\* Fail/pass history - A record indicating that a facility routinely fails the regular unannounced inspection and passes a scheduled follow-up inspection.** A fail/pass history indicates that concern for public health is not paramount within the facility, and the facility does not maintain stringent health and sanitation standards. A facility history will be designated as the two (2) most recent regular inspection scores.

This ordinance was passed and adopted by the Harrison County Board of Health this 3rd day of November, 2004.

This ordinance (2014-03) was passed and adopted by the Commissioners of Harrison County, State of Indiana, on this 5th day of March, 2014.