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IMPORTANT NOTICE

You are receiving this notice as a City of New Bedford business, establishment, or retail store.

RE: SYNTHETIC DRUGS

On Thursday, August 11, 2016, the New Bedford Board of Health (BOH) passed a <u>Regulation on Synthetic Drugs</u> banning businesses, establishments, and retail stores from possessing, storing, manufacturing, selling, offering, gifting, distributing, displaying and/or providing synthetic drugs in the City of New Bedford. These drugs, often labeled as *K-2*, *Spice*, *or Potpourri* have been shown to cause serious adverse health effects and pose a health risk to individuals who ingest, inhale, or otherwise introduce them into the human body.

The <u>Regulation on Synthetic Drugs</u> applies to all synthetic products regardless of how these products are packaged or labeled. More specifically, labeling these products with <u>"Not Intended For Human Consumption"</u> <u>WILL NOT</u> render them exempt from this regulation. As a business owner, you are required to comply with these regulations and maintain your business free of any synthetic drugs.

A copy of the BOH Regulation on Synthetic Drugs is included in this notification.

For questions, contact the New Bedford Health Department at 508-991-6199 or visit us at 1213 Purchase Street, New Bedford, Ma. 02740.

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