



Iowa Department of **INSPECTIONS & APPEALS**

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January 9, 2024

Mason Brown
Fire & Salt Co.
620 Davis Avenue
Corning, IA 50841

To: Mason Brown

I am responding to the January 9th 2024 request for a waiver continuation from **5-203.13** Service Sink. *At least 1 service sink or 1 curbed cleaning facility equipped with a floor drain shall be provided and conveniently located for the cleaning of mops or similar wet floor cleaning tools and for the disposal of mop water and similar liquid waste.*

This 900 square foot retail store was formerly a bank. The owner of this new business is not financially able to afford a remodel at this time. The installation of a mop sink would cause a financial hardship on this new business.

Fire & Salt Co. will be a retail store with commercially packaged foods, there will be no food service or repackaging of any food items. The owner agrees to use a Swiffer style mop with disposable mop head for cleaning the floors after sweeping. This business has the following hours 10:00am to 7:00pm, and has customer seating for 20. There is no outdoor seating.

Iowa Code Chapter 17A.9A requires the following be found to grant a waiver.

- Application of rule would pose an undue hardship. Financial hardship.
- The waiver would not prejudice the substantial legal rights of any person. This is a limited exception and in no way prejudices any others legal rights.
- Waiver is not specifically mandated by statute or another provision of law. This is not a statutory requirement.
- Waiver from this rule does not impact the public health, safety and welfare. The Department believes given the scope of business that the public health, safety and welfare will not be affected.

Your proposal has been reviewed and we have decided to grant this waiver, based on compliance with the following provisions: **1.)** if a remodel is planned then a mop sink must be installed. **2.)** there are no major changes to the scope of business, or extension of business hours. **3.)** the floor will be kept clean and sanitary.

Should circumstances change, a new waiver application must be submitted. The waiver may be revoked for failure to comply with the above conditions.

This waiver will be granted for three years, expiring on **03/31/2027**. You will need to contact the Department by **02/01/2027** if you wish to request a continuation of this waiver.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Brian Church Contract Administrator for Food and Consumer Safety at 515-669-3207 or brian.church@dia.iowa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Larry Johnson, Jr.', written in a cursive style.

Larry Johnson, Jr.
Director