



Notice of Appeal

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This form is used to file an appeal of an order, notice, decision, determination, or ruling by the Allegheny County Health Department. Please complete this form (use additional pages as necessary). If more than one person or entity is filing this appeal, please attach a separate form for each additional appellant. **A copy of the order, notice, decision, determination, or ruling must be attached to the Notice of Appeal.**

Name EL PASA INC, DBA DONUT CONNECTION
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If you are represented by an attorney, please provide contact information for your attorney:

Name _____
Mailing Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Email _____
Phone _____ Fax (optional) _____

Describe your objections to the Department's actions and a statement describing the relief you want the Hearing Officer to grant. (The objections may be factual or legal and must be specific. If you fail to state an objection here, you may be barred from raising it later in your appeal. Use additional pages if necessary.)

My objections to the decision of the department to deny my request for a variance are:
Financially a strain on the business for the cost and lost revenue when installation takes place.
Personally backed statement from our Township Commissioner that there are no reported issues of contamination where my business is located.
Spoke with another Donut Connection owner (who will back her statement) that her grease trap was never cleaned out for 24yrs, leading me to believe that donut shops do not contaminate drains.

By filing this Notice of Appeal with the Allegheny County Health Department, I hereby certify that the information submitted is true and correct to the best of my information and belief.

Signature Pamela Doyle Date 11-04-2022

Appeals should be submitted in person or by mail to:
**Allegheny County Health Department
Attention: Hearing Officer
542 4th Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15219**

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

October 6, 2022

El Pasa Inc.
c/o Paul and Sandra DeAngelis
2704 Harbison Street
Natrona Heights, PA 15065

RE: Request for Variance
Client # 56782
Donut Connection
2328 Freeport Road
Natrona Heights, PA 15065
Harrison

Dear Sandra DeAngelis:

This letter is in response to your request for a variance from Article III, the Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD) rules and regulations governing "Food Safety," section 315 – "Plumbing." Article III requiring that plumbing be installed according to the ACHD Plumbing Code (Article XV), and the requirement for a grease trap/interceptor is in Article XV, Section 1003.3.1.

It is the decision of this office to deny your request for a variance due to the presence of fats, oils, and/or grease present in wastewater resulting from the ware-washing process in a food facility offering donuts and coffee.

While your request indicates that "nothing related to the production of coffee or donuts goes down the drain system," the required washing of kitchen equipment and utensils is an integral function of the food facility operation which results in fats, oils, and grease being present in the wastewater. The lack of a grease trap/interceptor has a negative impact allowing these substances to clog sewer pipes and restrict flow of wastewater to and through sewer treatment systems. The request for variance does not describe how there is no real or potential hazard to the health, safety, or welfare of the public.

Pursuant to Article XI, entitled "Hearings and Appeals", you are hereby notified that you have thirty (30) days from the date of this notice in which to file a written appeal. The appeal shall be filed in the office of the Director, 542 Fourth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. In the event that an appeal is not filed within thirty (30) days from the date of this order, the within action shall become final.

Please contact me if you have further questions via phone at 412-578-8161 or email at Amanda.Mator@AlleghenyCounty.us.

Respectfully,

Amanda L. Mator
Program Manager
Food Safety Program



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November 17, 2021

Director of the Allegheny County Health Dept.
c/o ACHD Food Safety Program
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Suit 210
Pittsburgh, PA 15205

Sandra DeAngelis
Donut Connection
2328 Freeport Road
Natrona Heights PA, 15065
Client # 56782

Dear Director,
I am a small business applying for a variance

To do what: To remove the order for the installation of a grease trap / interceptor.

Specify Regulation: Article III Section 315 Plumbing; 2017 Article XV Allegheny Plumbing Code, Chapter 10, Section 1003.

State why Requesting Variance:

I have been in this business for 24 years; inspected every year without a grease trap / interceptor. Also I have no issues with plumbing or drains. Furthermore I spoke to our local officials and they have stated that there hasn't been an issue in my area.

Why the Request Should be Approved:

My small business has a capacity of 24 customers, and 75% of my customers are take out services. The mixes are in 50 LB bags and simply add water. No shortening or grease is added. The food we offer is already prepared. We heat and serve on disposable paper. Our beverages are also served in disposable cups. Coffee and donuts are 90% of our business. Nothing related to the production of coffee or donuts goes down the drain system. The food safe frying oil is disposed of, and removed by our garage service, thereby creating no potential hazard to the customers or the public.

Please approve this variance as I do not have the adequate space or slope needed for the grease trap / interceptor.

It would be a financial burden for the cost of the trap; as well as the days of work lost for our already short staff due to the pandemic.

Respectfully,

Sandra M. DeAngelis
Donut Connection