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Variance Request Form

Complete the form below. Please print legibly.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Business (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Property Address or Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Framingham, MA 0170 \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Property / Business Owner / Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

1. List the section(s) of the regulation which you are requesting variance: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Reason(s) the regulation cannot be met: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Alternative or additional protective measures to be taken to assure a comparable degree of protection to health or the environment: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Length of time variance is requested for: \_\_\_\_\_

Submit a complete variance request form with all relevant and supporting information necessary to properly evaluate this request. Incomplete forms and missing documents will not be processed and will be returned to the applicant. Implementation of the requested variance task cannot take place without the BOH approval.

CBD Related Variance Requests: Because CBD is not an FDA approved additive at this time, in order to sell food products infused with CBD, a variance request must be submitted and approved by the Framingham Board of Health prior to the sale of the items. To request a variance, submit a completed Variance Request Form and the manufacturers certificate of analysis from an independent laboratory detailing the amount of CBD, THC (tetrahydrocannabinol) and active ingredients in each product. The regulation section is "FDA 2013 Food Code 3-2025.12."

Once your paperwork is received, your request will be added to the next Board of Health meeting agenda. We will notify you of the BOH meeting date, time and location.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Print: \_\_\_\_\_



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**Board of Health Variance Request Decision**  
**For Official Use Only**

Date:                      Date of Hearing:                      Inspector:

Approved as submitted

Approved with the following condition(s):

Disapproved – Reason(s):

- This variance is specific to the location and the current owner of the establishment set forth in the variance request application and is **Not Transferable**.
- Any changes to the approved variance request application will render this variance null and void. A new request for variance application must be submitted and approved by the Framingham Board of Health.

**For variances to sell food products infused with CBD**

- Granted variances will not have an expiration date however if there is a change in laws and/or regulations, the granted variance will be review and potentially revised/rescinded.
- If complaints are received, investigated and validated by a public health inspector, the granted variance will be reviewed and potentially revised/rescinded.
- Variances are **Not Transferrable** to new establishment owners. A new variance request will be required.
- The establishment must continue to implement necessary protective measures as determined by the BOH.
- If new CBD infused food products are added for sale at the establishment after the variance was granted, the Health Department must be notified.
- Establishments that prepare food products for sale/service are not authorized to infuse the items with CBD. Example: Adding CBD to coffee at a coffee shop.



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