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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

GARY MCDOWELL  
DIRECTOR

December 1, 2020

**ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST FOOD OPERATIONS**

The Director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD), pursuant to a finding of IMMEDIATE DANGER TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH by the Sanilac County Health Department, has determined that continued operation of **Silver Tavern** (License No. SFE4476027555), an MDARD licensed food service establishment, constitutes an IMMEDIATE and SUBSTANTIAL DANGER TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH.

This food service establishment operates under a food service license issued by MDARD and referred for approval by the delegated authority of the Sanilac County Health Department.

Section 2113 of the Food Law provides that the Director may order the immediate cessation of operation of a food establishment upon a determination that continued operation would create an imminent or substantial hazard to the public health.

Upon review of the Sanilac County Health Department finding of IMMEDIATE DANGER TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH issued on November 27, 2020, the MDARD Director has made the following findings:

1. Silver Tavern is open to the public and allowing inside dining with no restrictions.
2. The food service establishment is not requiring persons to wear a face mask.
3. Silver Tavern is openly advertising that they are open for inside dining.

Based on the evidence provided by the Sanilac County Health Department and pursuant to the Director's authority under MCL 289.2113(1), the MDARD Director has determined that the continued operation of this food establishment creates an IMMEDIATE AND SUBSTANTIAL DANGER TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH.

Therefore, Silver Tavern is hereby ORDERED TO IMMEDIATELY CEASE AND DESIST ALL FOOD OPERATIONS.

This order is effective immediately and remains in effect until such time as an evaluation demonstrates the conditions have been abated.

Failure to comply with this Order is a violation of the Food Law. Pursuant to MCL 289.2113(3), Silver Tavern may request an administrative hearing regarding MDARD's issuance of this Order. To request an administrative hearing, contact Brad Deacon, Director of Legal Affairs and Emergency Management at 517-284-5729 or [deaconb9@michigan.gov](mailto:deaconb9@michigan.gov) by December 8, 2020.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Gary McDowell'.

Gary McDowell, Director  
Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development