

## **ORDER OF AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER NOTICE OF CLOSURE**

**To:** Alpha Mini Mart Ltd.  
"the Owner"

**RE:** The food establishment located in Edmonton, Alberta and municipally described as:  
Alpha Mini Mart, 9504 118 Avenue NW, Edmonton AB

**WHEREAS** I, an **Executive Officer of Alberta Health Services**, have inspected the above noted premises pursuant to the provisions of the Public Health Act, RSA 2000, c. P-37, as amended;

**AND WHEREAS** such inspection disclosed that the following conditions exist in and about the above noted premises which are or may become injurious or dangerous to the public health or which might hinder in any manner the prevention or suppression of disease, namely:

- a. A cat was observed walking throughout the food establishment. Empty cat food containers were noted in a garbage can and on the floor of the back storage room along with three water dishes in the back storage area.
- b. Cat litter was dispersed all over the back storage room floor including on two rugs that spanned the walkway to the back exterior door. The litter was wet/soiled and the room smelled of cat urine.
- c. Pre-packaged foods were stored in the back storage area that was being used as a litter area. Foods such as two flats of condensed milk, cases of bottled beverages, and a bag of single Ensure bottles were stored directly on the floor on top of the cat litter.
- d. The bathroom hand sink was not equipped with paper towels.
- e. The piping under the bathroom hand sink was covered with aluminum foil. A container/catch basin was observed in the basin of the hand sink.
- f. The facility pest management program was inadequate. Namely:
  - Mouse droppings were on the shelving next to the ATM machine and in the back storage area.
  - Sticky traps were heavily soiled and did not appear to be checked or changed regularly.
  - The back exterior door was not tightly sealed – the weatherstripping did not extend the entire width of the door resulting in a ~1 cm gap.
  - The front exterior door was propped open.
  - Written records were not being maintained.
- g. The facility was operating in violation of the permit restrictions by repackaging and dispensing food. Namely, six containers of unlabeled, re-packaged spices were displayed in the retail area, and an open bulk container of sour soother candies was stored and displayed at the cashier counter.

**AND WHEREAS** such inspection disclosed that the following breaches of the Public Health Act and the Food Regulation, Alberta Regulation 31/2006 and the Food Retail and Foodservices Code exist in and about the above noted premises, namely:

- a. A cat was observed walking throughout the food establishment. This is in contravention of Section 32(2) of the Food Regulation, AR 31/2006 which states: "Subject to subsections (3), (4) and (5), a live animal must not be permitted to enter or remain in a commercial food establishment."
- b. Cat litter was dispersed all over the back storage room floor including on two rugs that spanned the walkway to the back exterior door. This is in contravention of Section 17(1)(d) of the Food Regulation, AR 31/2006 which states: "An operator must ensure that, before operation of the commercial food establishment commences, the commercial food establishment has all its food handling areas separated from living quarters and from other areas where activities are carried out that are incompatible with the safe and sanitary handling of food."
- c. Pre-packaged foods were stored in the back storage area that was being used as a litter area. This is in contravention of Section 23(1) of the Food Regulation, AR 31/2006 which states: "All food used or to be used in a commercial food establishment must be protected from contamination and handled in a sanitary manner."
- d. The bathroom hand sink was not equipped with paper towels. This is in contravention of Section 30(4) of the Food Regulation, AR 31/2006 which states: "The handwashing stations referred to in section 17(1)(e) must be maintained and kept supplied."
- e. The piping under the bathroom hand sink was covered with aluminum foil. This is in contravention of Section 17(1)(f)(ii) of the Food Regulation, AR 31/2006 which states: "An operator must ensure that, before operation of the commercial food establishment commences, the commercial food establishment is connected to a lawful and properly operating sewage disposal system."
- f. The facility pest management program was inadequate. This is in contravention of Section 21 of the Food Regulation, AR 31/2006 which states: "Subject to subsection (1.1), a commercial food establishment must be kept free of pests and of conditions that lead to the harboring or breeding of pests. A written record of all pest control measures used in the commercial food establishment and surrounding area, premises and facilities referred to in subsections (1) and (1.1) must be maintained."
- g. The facility was operating in violation of its permit restrictions. This is in contravention of Section 4 of the Food Regulation, AR 31/2006 which states: "An operator must ensure that the terms and conditions of the permit are not contravened."

**AND WHEREAS**, by virtue of the foregoing, the above noted premises are hereby declared to be **Closed**.

NOW THEREFORE, I hereby **ORDER** and **DIRECT**:

1. That the Owner immediately close the above noted premises.
2. That the Owner immediately undertake and diligently pursue the completion of the following work in and about the above noted premises, namely:
  - a. Remove the cat and all cat supplies from the facility.
  - b. Clean and sanitize the entire facility, particularly the back storage area.

- c. Discard any foods contaminated with cat urine. Store all food and equipment 6 inches off the floor. Organize stock into categories; keep foods separate from non-food items.
  - d. Keep the bathroom handwash sink stocked with liquid soap and paper towel at all times.
  - e. Ensure the bathroom handwash sink is lawfully and properly connected to the sewage disposal system.
  - f. Implement an integrated pest management program. Strategically set pest control traps throughout the facility to monitor pest activity. Ensure all doorways are tightly sealed. Maintain monthly written records of all pest control measures used in the commercial food establishment and ensure they are readily available for review upon request.
  - g. Operate in accordance with the food handling permit restrictions: “Pre-packaged foods and/or whole produce only – no preparation of food”.
3. That until such time as the work referred to above is completed to the satisfaction of an Executive Officer of Alberta Health Services; the above noted premises shall remain closed.

The above conditions were noted at the time of inspection and may not necessarily reflect all deficiencies. You are advised that further work may be required to ensure full compliance with the Public Health Act and regulations, or to prevent a public health nuisance.

DATED at Edmonton, Alberta, September 18, 2025.

Confirmation of a verbal order issued to Neguse Rezene Redae on September 15, 2025.

Executive Officer  
Alberta Health Services

You have the right to appeal

A person who      a) is directly affected by a decision of a Regional Health Authority, and  
                             b) feels himself aggrieved by the decision

may appeal the decision by submitting a Notice of Appeal form within ten (10) days after receiving the order to:

Public Health Appeal Board  
c/o Central Reception  
Main Floor, ATB Place North Tower  
10025 Jasper Avenue NW  
Edmonton, Alberta, T5J 1S6  
Phone: 780-222-5186  
Fax: 780-422-0914  
Email: [HealthAppealBoard@gov.ab.ca](mailto:HealthAppealBoard@gov.ab.ca)  
Website: <https://www.alberta.ca/public-health-appeal-board.aspx>

A Notice of Appeal form may be obtained by contacting the Public Health Appeal Board or visiting their website.

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